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In this photo taken June 30, 2010, Suriname's President-elect Desi Bouterse attends a session of parliament in Paramaribo, Suriname. Bouterse, a former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer will be sworn-in as president of Suriname on Thursday Aug. 12, 2010.

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### CLEMENS INDICTED



This Feb. 13, 2008, file photo shows former New York Yankees baseball pitcher Roger Clemens being sworn-in on Capitol Hill in Washington, prior to testifying before the House Oversight, and Government Reform committee hearing on drug use in baseball.

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Raymond Baker talks on the phone as he walks down a road torn apart by a flash flood on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010 in Cookeville, Tenn. Heavy rainfall has soaked some of the same parts of Middle Tennessee that were inundated with severe flooding in May, and forecasters are warning that more rain is expected.

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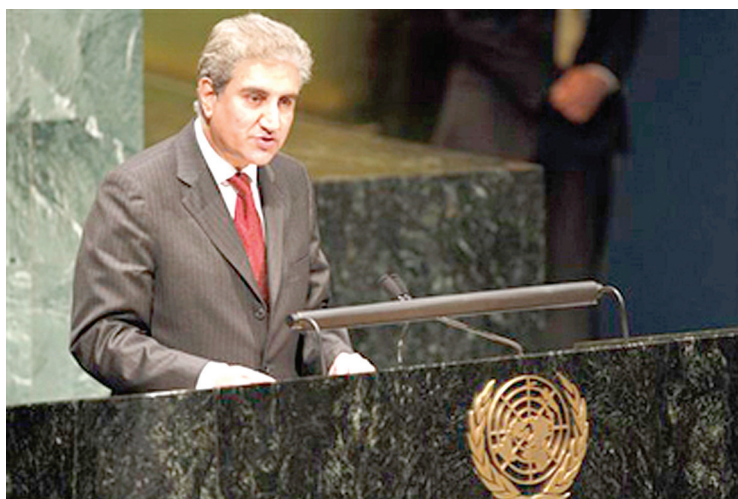
## United Nations urges world to open wallets for Pakistan

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations is putting the spotlight on more than 20 million Pakistani flood victims and urging governments and people around the world to open their wallets to help. At a hurriedly called meeting of the U.N. General Assembly on Thursday, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said donors have given half the \$460 million the U.N. appealed for to provide food, shelter and clean water to flood victims over the next three months. But he said all the money is needed now — and much more will be needed to rebuild Pakistan.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced that the United States, already the biggest donor, would contribute an additional \$60 million, bringing its total to more than \$150 million in response to Pakistan's "worst natural disaster in its history." She said approximately \$92



Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, addresses the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at United Nations headquarters.

*Associated Press*

million will support the U.N.'s \$460 million appeal, which aims to provide food, shelter and clean water to more than 6 million flood victims over the next three months. Earlier, Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan, said "many billions" would be needed to help Pakistan. He challenged other countries, especially Pakistan's close ally China, to "step up to the

plate."

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President Barack Obama waves to the crowd as he exits Air Force One at the Cape Cod Coast Guard Station in Buzzards Bay, Mass., Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, on his way to Martha's Vineyard.

*Associated Press*

## WH says Obama is Christian, prays daily

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House insisted on Thursday that President Barack Obama is a Christian who prays daily as it looked to tamp down growing doubts among Americans about the president's religion.

White House spokesman Bill Burton made the remarks hours after a poll showed that nearly one in five people, or 18 percent, said they think Obama is Muslim. That was up from 11 percent who said so in March 2009. The survey also showed that just 34 percent said Obama is Christian, down from 48 percent who said so last year.

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# U.S. officials: Mideast talks may start soon



U.S. Mideast envoy George Mitchell speaks to the media following his meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010. Mitchell failed Tuesday to secure Palestinian agreement to go to direct talks with Israel, despite mounting pressure from the U.S. administration to begin negotiations in early September.

*Associated Press*

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration said Thursday it is near to securing an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians to resume direct peace talks. Some U.S. officials said an announcement could be imminent.

The State Department said an agreement was “very, very close” but that details were still being worked out. An announcement could come as early as Friday or Saturday, said administration officials familiar with the matter. They spoke on condition of anonymity due to the delicacy of the ongoing diplomacy.

“We think we are very, very close to a decision

by the parties to enter into direct negotiations,” State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters. “We think we’re well positioned to get there.”

To that end, he said, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had called Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad late Wednesday and spoken Thursday with Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the special representative of the “Quartet” of Mideast peacemakers — the U.S., the U.N., the European Union and Russia.

Officials said tentative plans call for the Quartet and the U.S. to release separate statements saying the stalled talks will

resume early next month in either the U.S. or Egypt. The U.S. statement, expected to be issued in Clinton’s name, and the Quartet statement would serve as invitations for the talks, they said.

The Israelis and Palestinians would then accept, the officials said.

Crowley declined comment on the specific arrangements but suggested multiple statements were in the works.

“As part of the Quartet we are prepared to demonstrate our support for the parties as they move towards this decision,” he said. “But we, the United States, have always played a special role within this effort, and we will be prepared to assist the parties going forward in moving towards a successful negotiation. So we can do both.”

The Palestinians had been balking at direct talks until the Quartet reaffirmed a March

statement calling for a peace deal based on the pre-1967 Mideast war borders, and for talks to completed within two years.

But Israel rejected that, saying it amounted to placing conditions on the negotiations. Israel had been demanding a separate invitation from the U.S. Details of the timing and location of talks remained unclear on Thursday. The U.S. officials said they were still shooting for around Sept. 1 in either Washington, Cairo or the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm-el-Sheik.

Timing is critical because religious holidays, the upcoming annual session of the U.N. General Assembly in the third week of September and the Sept. 26 expiration of a temporary 10-month freeze on Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank.

Israeli and Palestinian officials refused to comment. They

said they would react after an official announcement is made, and added that they did not have advance information about the content.

The Obama administration has been pushing for a speedy resumption of face-to-face negotiations that broke down in December 2008. U.S. special Mideast envoy George Mitchell has been shuttling between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for months in a bid to get them to agree.

Abbas is wary of entering open-ended talks with Netanyahu, who has retreated from some concessions offered by his predecessors. Abbas wants Israel to accept the principle of Palestinian statehood in the lands Israel occupied in the 1967 war with minor modifications, and wants all Jewish settlement activity halted during the talks. □



In this Nov. 18, 2008 file photo, Viktor Bout talks to reporters through the bars at criminal court in Bangkok, Thailand. The suspected Russian arms dealer known as “The Merchant of Death” is tired of prison life but optimistic a Thai appeals court will rule in his favor Friday, Aug. 20, 2010 and refuse to extradite him to the United States, his lawyer said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration and a half-dozen members of Congress are expressing

## Viktor Bout case: U.S. concern over possible freedom

concern over the potential release of reputed international arms merchant Viktor Bout by the government of Thailand.

On Thursday, the State Department said that sending the Russian businessman to the United States to face criminal charges is a high priority for the U.S.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Thursday that the Thai ambassador in Washington was summoned to the State Department this week so that U.S. officials could “emphasize that this is of the highest priority to the United States.”

Crowley said the U.S. ambassador in Bangkok has also met with officials with the Thai foreign ministry to deliver the same message.

The head of a lucrative air transport empire, Bout has long evaded accusations by the U.S. and the U.N. of violating arms embargos despite being targeted with harsh financial sanctions aimed at scuttling his network. His 2008 arrest by Thai authorities landed him in prison for the first time and set off a legal tug-of-war between the U.S. and Russia.

The United States has “presented significant evidence to justify” Bout’s extradition to the United States, Crowley said. “We have made our case, and we will see what the judgment of the court is,” he added.

In a separate letter Wednesday to Thailand’s ambassador in Washington, three Democrats and three Republicans in Congress said that if Bout is freed, he would provide arms to groups that target U.S. and Thai interests around the globe.

After Bout was arrested in March 2008 during an arms sting by U.S. narcotics agents and Thai police, federal prosecutors indicted him for aiding a terror group and pressed for his extradition to New York to stand trial. Russia quickly objected and demanded Bout’s release.

The U.S. and Russia are awaiting a court ruling Friday in Thailand on the matter.

“We find the potential release of a man responsible for countless deaths of innocents in Africa and elsewhere simply astounding,” the lawmakers wrote. □

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# BP accused of withholding 'critical' oil spill data

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The company that owned the oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico is accusing BP of withholding critical evidence needed to investigate the cause of the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, according to a confidential document obtained by The Associated Press.

The new complaint by Transocean follows similar complaints by U.S. lawmakers about difficulties obtaining necessary information from BP in their investigations.

In a sternly worded letter to BP's attorneys, Transocean said the oil giant has in its sole possession information key to identifying the cause "of the tragic loss of eleven lives and the pollution in the Gulf of Mexico."

BP's refusal to turn over the documents has hampered Transocean's investigation and hindered what it has been able to tell families of the dead and state and federal investigators about the accident, the letter said.

BP and Transocean appear likely to face off in court over how much each should pay out for the tragedy. Transocean owned the Deepwater Horizon, the rig that exploded and sank, killing 11 workers and unleashing millions of gallons (liters) of oil. BP was the operator and majority owner of the well.

BP spokeswoman Elizabeth Ashford said Transocean's accusations were misleading and misguided.

"We have been at the forefront of cooperating with various investigations commissioned by the U. S. government and others into the causes of the Deepwater Horizon tragedy," Ashford said. "Our commitment to cooperate with these investigations has been and remains unequivocal and steadfast."

In other spill developments Thursday:

—The U.S. government said the final plugging of BP's blown-out Gulf well will begin sometime in early September. First, engineers plan a potentially risky maneuver to replace a massive failed piece of equipment on the sea floor. The equipment, called a blowout preventer, is a prime source of interest for investigators. BP senior vice Kent Wells said the company will preserve it intact so it can be analyzed by the government.

"Clearly, I think all of us want to absolutely understand what the root causes are of this," Wells said.

—A new scientific study provided the first conclusive evidence of an underwater plume from the BP spill, and researchers said it could take months for the oil to break down.

In the dispute over documents, Transocean said that BP released limited records only after the company agreed to sign a confidentiality agreement at BP's request.

"This is troubling, both in light of BP's frequently stated public commitment to openness and a fair investigation, and because it appears that BP is withholding evidence in an attempt to prevent any entity other than BP from investigating the cause of the April 20 incident and the resulting spill," the letter said. Copies of the letter were also sent to government agencies, commissions and lawmakers investigating the spill's cause.

Aides for some of those lawmakers told the AP on Thursday that they, too, have had trouble obtaining information from BP.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee had a "stare down" with BP over some of the data it was seeking, said Bill Wicker, a spokesman for committee chairman Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat.

BP requested that congressional staffers sign a nondisclosure agreement. The committee refused, telling the company that it would send all BP's information back. Since then, BP has been forthcoming with data, Wicker said.

Rep. Edward Markey, a Democrat and chair of the House's energy and environment subcommittee, said his staff has also had difficulty "prying information" out of BP.

"I am not surprised Transocean — which may end up in litigation against BP in the future — is encountering similar difficulties," Markey said.

Markey said it was important that Congress, the presidential commission investigating the accident, and the public have full access to the information.

BP's outgoing chief executive, Tony Hayward, personally assured the presidential commission of full cooperation, said David Cohen, a spokesman for the commission. The panel recently received new information from the company and is now reviewing whether it matches what they asked for.

President Barack Obama warned months ago that companies involved in the accident needed to work together and with the government on the investigation, saying: "I will not tolerate more finger-pointing or irresponsibility." □



House Energy and Environment subcommittee Chairman Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., questions witnesses on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, during the subcommittee's hearing on "The BP Oil Spill: Accounting for the Spilled Oil and Ensuring the Safety of Seafood from the Gulf."

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President Barack Obama makes a statement about small businesses, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

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### OBAMA CHRISTIAN

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The largest share of people, 43 percent, said they don't know his religion.

As Obama left for a vacation, Burton told reporters aboard Air Force One that most Americans care more about the economy and wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan and "they are not reading a lot of news about what religion the president is."

Burton added, "The president is obviously a Christian. He prays everyday."

The survey, conducted by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center and its affiliated Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, is based on interviews conducted before the controversy over whether Muslims should be permitted to construct a mosque near the World Trade Center site. Obama has said he believes Muslims have the right to build an Islamic center there, though he's also said he won't take a position on whether they should actually build it.

In a separate poll by Time magazine/ABT SRBI conducted Monday and Tuesday — after Obama's comments about the mosque — 24 percent said they think he is Muslim, 47 percent said they think he is Christian and 24 percent didn't know or didn't respond.

In addition, 61 percent opposed building the Muslim center near the Trade Center site and 26 percent said they favor it.

The Pew poll found that about three in 10 of Obama's fiercest political rivals, Republicans and conservatives, say he is a Muslim.

That is up significantly from last year and far higher than the share of Democrats and liberals who say so. But even among his supporters, the number saying he is a Christian has fallen since 2009, with just 43 percent of blacks and 46 percent of Democrats saying he is Christian.

Among independents, 18 percent say Obama is Muslim — up from 10 percent last year.

Pew analysts attribute the findings to attacks by his opponents and Obama's limited attendance at religious services, particularly in contrast with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, whose worship was more public. Andrew Kohut, the Pew Research Center's director, said the confusion partly reflects "the intensification of negative views about Obama among his critics." Alan Cooperman, the Pew Forum's associate director for research, said that with the public hearing little about Obama's religion, "maybe there's more possibility for other people to make suggestions that the president is this or he's really that or he's really a Muslim."

Obama is the Christian son of a Kenyan Muslim father and a Kansas mother. From age 6 to 10, Obama lived in predominantly Muslim Indonesia with his mother and Indonesian stepfather. His full name, Barack Hussein Obama, sounds Muslim to many.

On Wednesday, White House officials did not provide on-the-record comments on the survey but prompted Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell of Houston to call The Associated Press.

Caldwell, who said he has known Obama for years, said the president is a Christian who prays every day. He said he was not sure where the public confusion about the president's religion came from, but he called false media reports about it "a 24-

hour noise box committed to presenting the president in a false light."

Six in 10 of those saying Obama is a Muslim said they got the information from the media, with the largest portion — 16 percent — saying it was on television. Eleven percent said they learned it from Obama's behavior and words.

Despite the confusion about Obama's religion, there is noteworthy support for how he uses it to make decisions. Nearly half, or 48 percent, said he relies on his religion the right amount when making policy choices, 21 percent said he uses it too little and 11 percent too much.

Obama is seen as less reliant overall than Bush was on religion. Even so, the 48 percent who say Obama uses it appropriately for decisions is similar to the 53 percent who said the same about Bush in 2004. Just over half in the new poll said Obama mentions his faith and prayer the right amount, about the same as said so about Bush in 2006.

At the same time, the poll provides broad indications that the public feels religion is playing a diminished role in politics today, with fewer people than in 2008 saying the Democratic and Republican parties are friendly toward religion.

With elections for control of Congress just over two months away, the poll contains optimistic news for Republicans. Half of white non-Hispanic Catholics, plus three in 10 unaffiliated with a religion and a third of Jews, support the GOP — all up since 2008. □



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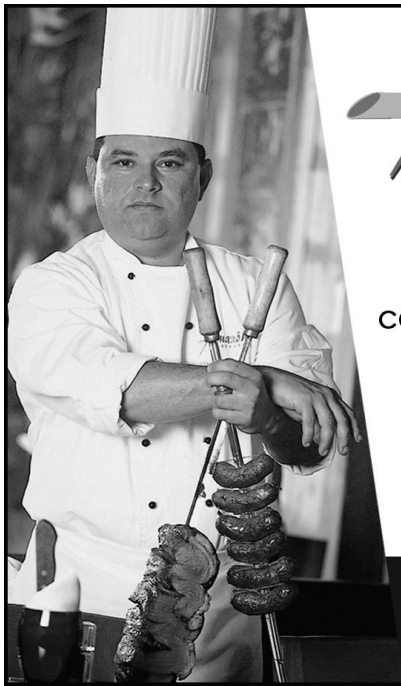
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# Jetliner grounded in San Francisco after threat

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An American Airlines flight bound for New York City was halted just before takeoff Thursday after someone called in a threat against the jetliner that was later described by the FBI as non-credible.

Still, the threat rattled nerves in San Francisco and beyond and marked the latest in a series of airline scares in the past year.

A witness said two passengers in the back row attracted suspicion after the threat was reported and were taken off the plane in handcuffs. But a law enforcement official later said no one was in custody.

American Airlines Flight 24 had been scheduled to take off at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at San Francisco International Airport and was grounded around 10 a.m. after a late departure from the gate. Passengers were removed from the plane and taken by buses to a terminal

where they were sent through security again.

It was not clear if it was a bomb or hijacking threat, but a second federal law enforcement official who received an investigative update on the case says it was not a credible one.

The official says the FBI in San Francisco recorded the threat as a potential hijacking. The threat was relayed more broadly throughout the FBI as a potential bombing. The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

The incident occurred on a Boeing 767 that had already been delayed for more than two hours with 163 passengers and a crew of 11. It finally pulled away from the gate at 10 a.m., only to taxi to a remote section of the tarmac where passengers sat for another two hours.

"There was no fear in the cabin at all," passenger Michael Kidd told The Associated Press in an interview. "It was



American Airlines Flight 24, bound for New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, top, sits on a runway at San Francisco International Airport on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010.

Associated Press

pretty calm. Even with the frustration of having to sit there, there were no raised voices."

Passengers with Internet access searched the Web for details about the incident. Flight attendants admonished passengers who tried to get

up and reach their overhead luggage, Kidd said. Passengers were allowed to go to the bathroom one at a time, he said.

Police eventually entered through the back door and arrested the two passengers. Others on board were taken off the plane six at a time and put on a buses. San Francisco Police Department officers screened them and their carry-on luggage with hand-held security wands.

The threat report originated from clerk at a business in Alameda, a city across San Francisco Bay from the airport, said Lt. Bill Scott. The clerk called dispatchers at Alameda Police Department shortly after 9 a.m. Thursday and said her business had received an anonymous phone call "making a threat specifically

about Flight 24," Scott said.

"All passengers are safe and out of an abundance of caution, TSA requested the plane be moved to a remote location," TSA spokeswoman Suzanne Trevino said in a statement.

It was the latest in a line of airplane scares in the past year, including the attempted Christmas bombing of a Detroit-bound jetliner by a Nigerian. In April, a Qatari diplomat who was on his way to an official visit with an imprisoned al-Qaida sleeper touched off a bomb scare in Colorado by slipping into an airline bathroom for a smoke. One of the four hijacked flights on Sept. 11, 2001, was bound for San Francisco. United Air Lines Flight 93 left Newark International Airport for San Francisco and crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. □

# Rain in Tennessee washes away home, derails train

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Drenching rains swept away a home, trapped drivers in their vehicles and derailed a train in Tennessee, and a round of heavy rain set off fresh flash flooding early Thursday.

The downpours that began Wednesday hit some of the same parts of Middle Tennessee that were inundated with severe flooding in May, but forecasters don't foresee it wreaking

the same kind of havoc. Portions of Middle and East Tennessee as well as areas of southern Kentucky and western North Carolina and Virginia have been under flash flood warnings or watches.

National Weather Service forecaster John Cohen near Nashville said 4 to 6 inches of rain deluged an area along the Sumner County-Wilson County line, beginning around 10 p.m. Wednesday and lasting about five hours. □



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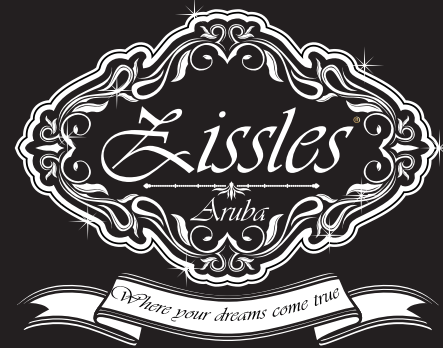
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## Calderon: Mexico should consider anonymous judges



Mexico's President Felipe Calderon speaks during the anti-crime round-table "Dialog for Security" in Mexico City, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010.

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Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Felipe Calderon said Mexico should consider appointing anonymous judges for drug trafficking trials, an unexpected proposal that he acknowledged contradicts the country's efforts to build a more open judicial system.

Calderon, who raised the idea Thursday during meeting with senators on national security, said Mexico should at least consider the idea as drug cartels stage increasingly bold attacks on public official at all levels.

"I recognize that this goes against ... our legal tradition," Calderon said. "But in all honesty, gentlemen, I have found that citizens, police, judges, prosecutors are at risk, in the sense that they are completely exposed to criminal vengeance."

"We should consider whether this is valid or not, whether anonymous judges would work or not," Calderon said.

It was a surprise comment from the Mexican leader, who has touted an ongoing reform of Mexico's secretive, inquisitorial judicial system. That overhaul, backed by millions of dollars in U.S. aid, will create an accusatory system that puts the burden of proof on prosecutors and establish oral trials to replace proceedings now carried out almost entirely in writing.

A law approved by all 32 Mexican states in 2008 calls for the changeover to be completed by 2016.

Calderon, who gave no plan for carrying out the debate on anonymous judges, is facing mounting complaints from political opponents — and even some allies — that his national security strategy is failing. He has convoked a series of national meetings to address those concerns.

Even if Mexico decides against anonymous judges, Calderon said the country needs to find a way to protect judges, prosecutors and witnesses. He said some federal

police have been gunned down just after testifying at trials.

Peru and Colombia have at times used anonymous or "faceless" judges in their wars against guerrilla groups and drug traffickers as a means to protect judges from reprisals for ruling against suspects. The use of such judges has been criticized by human rights groups.

Calderon also stepped up his criticism of the U.S. government for not doing enough about drug consumption and the smuggling of guns into Mexico. Mexican and U.S. law enforcement officials both say that many of the guns used by cartels are smuggled in from the U.S.

Calderon said Mexico should mount an international campaign to bring attention "again and again to the irresponsibility of the Americans, even if they get upset and even if it disturbs their (election) campaigns." "It's unacceptable that the voracity of the weapons industry is fomenting the levels of violence we have here," Calderon said. □

## Singer Wyclef Jean meets with Haiti's president

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian President Rene Preval met with presidential hopeful Wyclef Jean for more than two hours on Thursday, touching off a new round of speculation as to whether or not the singer would be included in a list of presidential candidates.

Jean told the Associated Press that he felt the exchange with Rene Preval was positive.

"I feel good," the hip hop artist and former Fugees frontman said. "I feel that the president

that I voted for five years ago is the same person that was sitting in front of me today." Earlier in the week, Jean said he had received death threats. Jean said Preval expressed concern and offered him security.

The singer — and several dozen other presidential candidates — are scheduled to find out Friday if the country's electoral council allows them to run for office.

The council, which is known as the CEP, was supposed to release the presidential candidate list on Tuesday, but

postponed the decision.

For several days, Haitians, bloggers and international media have speculated whether Jean will be on the list. Under Haitian law, candidates for president must reside in the country for five years prior to taking office.

Jean — who was born in Haiti but moved to New York when he was nine — contends he meets the requirements, and has hired lawyers to defend his case.

After meeting with Preval, Jean was confident that he will be allowed to campaign.



Haiti's presidential candidate and hip hop artist Wyclef Jean, center, is seen surrounded by security at his mother's house in Croix de Bouquets, Haiti, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. Jean says he has received death threats, which is why he is in seclusion until the electoral list is released.

Associated Press

"It looks like it's leaning that Thursday evening that "the way," Jean said. list is not yet final" and added

A spokesman for the CEP, that he cannot disclose who Richardson Dumel, said has made the cut. □



# Amsterdam cops call off programs with Suriname

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — Amsterdam police have withdrawn training and aid programs for Suriname's force following a former dictator's return to power in the small South American country, a Dutch official said Thursday. Ebe van der Land, a police spokesman in the Dutch city, said Superintendent Bernard Welten has suspended all joint programs between his department and Surinamese police due to last month's election of Desi Bouterse as president by the former Dutch colony's parliament.

Bouterse is a former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer in Suriname. The two-time dictator's past had made his election last month by parliament

uncomfortable for the international community, especially its former colonial ruler.

"For many years we have helped with building police stations in Suriname and with teaching them how we work in Holland," Van der Land said in a Thursday phone interview.

"But our police chief announced that this must stop now."

Convicted of drug trafficking in absentia in 1999 in the Netherlands — prosecutors said he was the leader of the "Suri Cartel" — Bouterse was sentenced to 11 years.

He avoided that punishment because Suriname doesn't have an extradition treaty with Holland, and now he enjoys immunity as head of state during his five-year term.

The 64-year-old president also faces a long-delayed trial in Suriname for his alleged role in the summary execution of political opponents in 1982.

Van der Land said Dutch Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin will meet with Welten and government officials to support or rescind his decision to cut police ties. He said Amsterdam's mayor is backing the decision.

After Bouterse's election, Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said the Netherlands would restrict contacts with him to "functional necessities" and stressed that Suriname's leader will not be welcome in Holland "unless it is to serve his prison sentence."

During his inauguration this month, Bouterse pledged to fight corruption and help



Suriname's President Desi Bouterse, left, and his Vice-President Robert Ameerali, right, attend a military parade after their swearing in ceremony in Paramaribo, Suriname, Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010. Bouterse, a former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer is on trial for his alleged role in the abduction and summary execution of fifteen suspected enemies of his military regime in Dec. 1982. No foreign heads of state attended the inauguration.

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impoverished communities in the vast rain forest hinterland.

He also said he would further distance the former Dutch colony from the

Netherlands.

Suriname's police and justice ministry did not immediately return Thursday calls for comment.

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# Pakistan leader says militants could exploit flood



**Pakistani flood victims fight for a food relief distributed by volunteers in Sukkar, Pakistan on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Sunday the flooding in Pakistan was the worst disaster he had ever seen, and urged foreign donors to speed up assistance to the up to 20 million people affected.**

*Associated Press*

## NAHAL TOOSI

**Associated Press Writer**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Islamist terrorists may exploit the chaos and misery caused by the floods in Pakistan to gain new recruits, the country's president warned Thursday — remarks echoed by a leading U.S. senator who said America would stand by its vital wartime ally during the crisis.

The floods have affected 20 million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it also

struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence. Aid groups and the United Nations have complained that foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster.

"All these catastrophes give strength to forces who do not want a state structure," President Asif Ali Zardari said during a press conference with John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after the two visited some of the country's hardest-hit areas and a relief camp.

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Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said the Chinese have increased their cash assistance, supplied relief goods and taken responsibility for providing food, water and shelter to some 27,000 people in an inaccessible area in the north "so if you put this all together, it's substantial."

Both Holbrooke and Qureshi spoke at the Asia Society in New York ahead of the U.N. meeting.

The U.N. wants to spotlight the enormity of the disaster, which is bigger than the 2004 Asian tsunami, the 2005 Pakistan earthquake, and this year's Haiti earthquake, yet has attracted far less in donations.

Qureshi said Pakistan is facing one of its greatest challenges — tens of thousands of

villages submerged, around 1,500 people killed, and more than 20 million affected — and needs international help because its own resources are insufficient.

"We've never seen anything like this before," he said at the Asia Society, noting that only three weeks before the floods began Pakistan was trying to cope with a water shortage. "The economic cost is huge."

The Pakistani government has been strongly criticized for failing to respond quickly to the floods, and Qureshi acknowledged the skepticism and criticism.

"Initially there was shock, paralysis, but we are out of it now," he said. "We are getting our acts together. ... This was a mega-flood, so as people are becoming more aware the response has improved, and it will continue to improve in the days to come."

"There is a possibility that the negative forces would exploit the situation," Zardari said. "Like they would take the babies who have been made orphans and take them to their camps and train them as the terrorists of tomorrow."

Zardari's government has been criticized for failing to respond quickly enough, and Islamist charities — at least one of which has alleged links to terrorism — have been active in the flood-hit areas.

There also are concerns the scale of the suffering could stoke unrest and political instability that may distract nuclear-armed Pakistan from the fight against the Taliban. Already, the military has had to divert thousands of soldiers and a good deal of equipment from battling the militancy to rescuing flood victims.

"None of us want to see this crisis to provide an opportunity or an excuse for people who want to exploit the misery of others for political or ideological purpose, and so it is important for all of us to work overtime," Kerry said.

More than three weeks after the floods first began, the U.S., Germany and Saudi Arabia all announced new pledges of aid, while Japan said it would send helicopters to help distribute

food, water and medicine. The Asian Development Bank said it would redirect \$2 billion of existing and planned loans for reconstruction.

"If we don't do it quick, if we don't do it well, what will the Pakistani people think?" asked Juan Miranda, the development bank's director general for Central and West Asia. "We have to put every road and every bridge back into the shape where they should be."

The United States has dispatched 19 army helicopters to hard-hit areas and given other aid worth \$90 million. Kerry said the monetary assistance would increase to \$150 million, a figure expected to be formally announced at a U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York on Thursday.

The U.S.'s primary concern is humanitarian, Kerry said, while adding, "Obviously there is a national security interest."

Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan, told the Asia Society in New York that the United States was the first and largest contributor, and he challenged other countries, especially Pakistan's close ally China, to

"step up to the plate."

Holbrooke said says "many billions" of dollars would be needed to help Pakistan rebuild. He spoke ahead of the U.N. General Assembly meeting to spotlight the immediate need for \$460 million for food, shelter and clean water.

Saudi Arabia said it would donate \$80 million to Pakistan, the official Saudi Press Agency reported, making it one of the largest donors. The country has for years sought to project its influence in Pakistan and has funded the spread of hard-line Islamic theology here that many say gives traction to armed extremist movements. Pakistan is vital for America's strategic goals of defeating militancy and stabilizing neighboring Afghanistan so its troops can one day withdraw. Before the floods, Washington had already committed to spending \$7.5 billion over the next five years on humanitarian projects in Pakistan.

That money already included planstodealwithinfrastructure, water and power problems in Pakistan, and Kerry said at least \$200 million would now be refocused toward tackling challenges in those and other areas directly posed by flooding. □



**Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, left, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, meets U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at United Nations headquarters.**

*Associated Press*

told a small group of reporters after the Asia Society event. Qureshi said Pakistan has not reduced its military forces fighting the extremists or terrorists, but he said there will now be an additional challenge of dealing with the

floods and rebuilding water-ravaged areas.

Famed Pakistani musician Salman Ahmad stressed that 100 million of Pakistan's 175 million people are under 25 and they are skeptical and "feel abandoned by the world." □



# Bull leaps into bullring stands in Spain, 40 hurt

CIARAN GILES

Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP) — A bull leapt into the packed grandstands of a Spanish bullring and ran amok, charging and trampling spectators and leaving 40 people injured, regional officials said Thursday. Video showed the bull jumping several meters (yards) high out of the ring, clearing two barriers before landing in the stands and raising a panic as he lurched through the screaming crowd, charging and tossing everything he could.

The 500-kilogram (1,100-pound) animal was brought under control by experienced bull handlers after several minutes and later killed. The incident occurred Wednesday at the Tafalla arena in the northern region of Navarra during an event attended by about 3,500 spectators, in which mostly young people try to get a bull to charge at them so they can dodge it. Unlike standard bullfights, the bulls are not killed in these events.

The bull had already attempted to jump into the stands twice.

After damaging a horn, he was about to be returned to the corral and replaced with another bull when he tried a third time and succeeded.

The regional government said in a statement Thursday that three people remained in hospitals in the regional capital of Pamplona, best known for its annual San Fermin running of the bulls festival.

The injured included a 10-year-old boy who was in intensive care after the bull reportedly fell on him. Another man was gored in the back and was said to be in stable condition.

In all, 40 people were treated, primarily for minor injuries.

“What could have been a tragedy ended up as a big fright,” Tafalla mayor Cristina Sota was cited as saying in the main regional newspaper, Diario de Navarra. Inaki Zunzarren, who was treated for bruises, told the paper: “The bull caught me and hurled me against the (concrete) seating. What an experience!”

Also lightly injured was 16-year-old Eneko Goyena Sesma.



In this Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010 picture made available Thursday, Aug 19, 2010 a bull charges against spectators after leaping into the stands during a bullfight in Tafalla, northern Spain. Up to forty people were injured when a bull leapt into the packed grandstands of a Spanish bullring and ran amok, charging and trampling on spectators.

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“I was with my friends when the bull jumped over and everyone began to run. Somebody must have pushed me and I fell to the

ground. I got a pretty big fright,” he said.

The regional government said the crowd was made up largely of

young people, and most were able to get away from the bull quickly, avoiding a greater number of injuries. □



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# Review: 'Piranha 3D' is bloody awesome



In this film publicity image released by The Weinstein Company, a scene is shown from 'Piranha 3D.'

(AP Photo/The Weinstein Company)

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE,**  
AP Movie Critic

Mere words cannot describe how awesomely gnarly "Piranha

3D" is, how hugely entertaining, and how urgently you must get yourself to the theater to see it. Like, now.

This is not a joke, by the way. This movie is a complete blast. To borrow a phrase from the kind of B-horror flicks to which "Piranha 3D" is such a loving and effective homage: Run, don't walk.

Like "Snakes on a Plane," which came out in the dead of summer four years ago, "Piranha 3D" knows exactly what it is and does exactly what it should do. It's about piranhas ... in 3-D. Do you really need to know anything else?

It's cleverly knowing without collapsing into parody. It makes great use of its extremely random cast, including Elisabeth Shue in an unusually bad-ass role as a sheriff, Ving Rhames as her deputy and Jerry O'Connell as a Joe Francis type. Christopher Lloyd has one great scene in full-on, crazed Christopher Lloyd mode as the resident fish expert. The second you see Eli Roth — playing the emcee at a wet T-shirt contest, no less — you know some hideous fate will befall him. And then there's Richard Dreyfuss, who makes a very cute cameo off the top. That's all we'll say.

But the whole point of this kind of movie is the gore, and French director Alexandre Aja finds hilarious and creative ways to kill off his characters. Not a huge surprise, given his previous movies — the suspenseful "High Tension" and a Wes Craven-approved remake of "The Hills Have Eyes" — but here, there's a

lightness and a sense of fun about the carnage. If that makes sense. Besides, partying provides the premise for the film. It's spring break at Lake Victoria, Ariz. — really Lake Havasu — and hordes of drunk, horny college students have arrived to trash their perfect bodies. But there's something swimming in the water that can do that much more efficiently. Actually, there are thousands upon thousands of them. The piranhas have razor-sharp teeth and ferocious eyes, but they almost look as if they're smiling as they prepare to tear into some unsuspecting fool's flesh. A seismic shift beneath the lake created a rift that unleashed these prehistoric creatures. Now they're here, and they're hungry. In classic horror-movie fashion, the victims get picked off one by one. Sheriff Julie Forester (Shue) and Deputy Fallon (Rhames) discover the first body and call in the scientific experts, led by Adam Scott (cast against type). But containing the fish is as difficult as stopping the partyers from dancing on boats in their bikinis to generic house music. And so when the inevitable bloodbath happens — and oh yes, it does happen — it's vast and horrifying but with some giddy glimmers of absurdity sprinkled throughout.

Stuck in the middle of this are Julie's three kids, the eldest of whom, Jake (Steven R. McQueen),

has become an impromptu crew member on a "Girls Gone Wild"-style video shoot. Yes, there is plenty of nudity and girl-on-girl action here, but again, it's used with a wink and a smile. "Piranha 3D" knows it needs to titillate on every level.

Visually, though, it was shot in 2-D and then converted to add a third dimension, but it looks better than other films that have followed the same path, including M. Night Shyamalan's muddled "The Last Airbender." Still, some of the underwater mayhem is a bit hard to make out, especially when the fish are doing their damage in darkened caves.

But Aja mostly employs the 3-D precisely as he should with this genre: in totally gimmicky, gratuitous ways. A guy sprays beer from a keg and it shoots right at you. A girl has too many tequila shots and yacks off the side of the boat and into your lap. And of course there are the fish, zooming right at you to take a bite. There could be a moral to this story: Don't go to the lake and act like a cheesy, drunk idiot during spring break. But that would be no fun.

"Piranha 3D," a Dimension Films release, is rated R for sequences of strong bloody horror, violence and gore, graphic nudity, sexual content, language, and some drug use. Running time: 82 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four □

## 'Lottery Ticket' not a total loss

The odds of winning the lottery are what, like, 1 in 175 million? The laughs aren't quite so hard to come by in "Lottery Ticket," but they're not a safe bet, either.

The feature debut from longtime music video director Erik White, which he co-wrote with Abdul Williams, starts out amiably enough, with a shaggy, shambling vibe. But it eventually devolves into a weirdly violent streak, followed by some seriously heavy-handed sentimentality. Still, the ensemble cast manages to keep things sporadically enjoyable.

Rapper-actor Bow Wow is all grown up here as Kevin, a recent high school graduate who's stuck working at Foot Locker but dreams of creating his own shoe line. "Lottery Ticket" is at its strongest off the top, as Kevin tries to make his way to work at the mall one morning but keeps getting delayed by the random neighbors in his Atlanta housing project.

They include his God-fearing

grandma (Loretta Devine), the gossipy neighbor (Charlie Murphy) and the crazy recluse who lives in the basement and only pops his hand out with some cash for Kevin to buy him some beef jerky and a Cherry Coke (his identity will be revealed later). Along for the ride is his broke, unemployed best friend, Benny, played by Brandon T. Jackson, who has a loose, easy energy about him and gets many of the best lines. (He was also great as Alpa Chino in "Tropic Thunder.") And there's Kevin's childhood pal, the college-bound Stacie (Naturi Naughton), who clearly wants to be more than friends, and should be.

After a run-in with neighborhood ex-con Lorenzo (Gbenga Akinnagbe) over some Air Jordans gets him fired from his job, Kevin buys himself a lottery ticket while stopping at the corner store to buy one for his grandma. And whaddya know? The numbers he got out of a fortune cookie that day just happen to win him the

\$370 million jackpot. (Faheem Najm, better known as T-Pain, is hilarious in a low-key way in just a few scenes as the bemused store owner.)

But because we need a plot contrivance to make things difficult for Kevin, it just happens to be the extended July 4 weekend, so he has to wait three days to cash in at the lottery office.

This also means he has to survive three days of people cozing up to him or trying to kill him because he's now a rich man. Keith David is reliable as the godfather of the projects, who gives Kevin a \$100,000 "loan" in hopes of doing business with him (with an underused Terry Crews as his chauffeur/enforcer). Teairra Mari plays the resident sexpot who never gave him the time of day before but now wants to be his baby mama. And Mike Epps has an amusing scene as an opportunistic preacher.

In theory, because Kevin is a smart — and street-smart — kid,



In this publicity image released by Warner Bros., Bow Wow, left, and Loretta Devine are shown in a scene from 'Lottery Ticket.'

(AP Photo/Warner Bros., David Lee)

he should see though all these schemes and manipulations. But with his head swimming, he neglects the woman who's been loyal to him all along: Stacie. Only Ice Cube, showing some flashes of emotional depth as a retired boxer, can help set him straight. (He's also one of the film's executive producers.)

"Lottery Ticket," meanwhile, shows flashes of the kind of likable comedy that made Ice Cube's "Friday" a cult classic.

It just doesn't show them consistently, and the cloyingly feel-good ending nearly negates the good will the movie generated from the beginning. It doesn't hit the jackpot but it's not a total loss.

"Lottery Ticket," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content, language including a drug reference, some violence and brief underage drinking. Running time: 95 minutes. Two stars out of four. □



# BUSINESS

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In this photo made June 22, 2010, Stacey Miller, 28, center, and her sons Donavan, 11, second from right, and Troy, 10, pick up groceries at the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger food pantry, which serves upwards of 10,000 low-income individuals monthly in Brooklyn, N.Y. Miller, unemployed since last September and pregnant, says the pantry 'helps a lot and have fresh foods like meats and fruits for the kids.'

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

## Jobless claims rise to highest level in 9 months

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER,  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Employers appear to be laying off workers again as the economic recovery weakens. The number of people applying for unemployment benefits reached the half-million mark last week for the first time since November.

It was the third straight week that first-time jobless claims rose. The upward trend suggests the private sector may report a net loss of jobs in August for the first time this year.

Initial claims rose by 12,000 last week to 500,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. Construction firms are letting go of more workers as the housing sector slumps and federal stimulus spending on public works projects winds down. State and local governments are also cutting jobs to close large budget gaps.

The layoffs add to growing fears that the economic recovery is slowing and the country could slip back into a recession.

"The rise in initial jobless claims over the past three weeks makes it difficult to maintain confidence in the recovery and suggests the labor market is backtracking," Ryan Sweet, an economist at Moody's Analytics, wrote in a note to clients.

Stocks tumbled on the fear of more layoffs and weak job growth. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 185 points in midday trading. Broader indexes also declined.

Jobless claims declined steadily last year from a peak of 651,000 in March 2009 as the economy recovered from the worst downturn since the 1930s. They hit a low of 427,000 in July before rising steadily over the past six weeks.

In a healthy economy, jobless claims usually drop below 400,000. "This is obviously a disappointing number that shows ongoing weakness in the job market," said Robert Dye, senior economist at the PNC Financial Services Group.

Dye said claims showed a similar pattern in the last two recoveries, but eventually began to fall again. The current elevated level of claims is a sign employers are reluctant to hire until the rebound is well under way. That's what happened in the recoveries following the 1991 and 2001 recessions, which were dubbed "jobless recoveries." □

## Stocks drop as jobless claims rise unexpectedly

By STEPHEN BERNARD,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled Thursday after two disappointing economic reports renewed investors' concerns about the pace of the recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 160 points in late afternoon trading. Broader indexes fell by more than 1.5 percent. Interest rates also fell sharply as investors flocked to the safety of Treasury bonds.

The Labor Department said claims for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week and the Federal Reserve of Philadelphia said manufacturing activity in the mid-Atlantic region has dropped during August.

"The Philly Fed number was just awful," said Randy Frederick, director of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. "The jobs number was bad, but not as far off the mark as the Philly number."

The pair of economic reports followed news that Intel Corp. was acquiring McAfee Inc. The deal, valued at \$7.68 billion, was not enough to offset the weaker economic readings.

The reports are the latest in a months-long string of conflicting readings on the economy. The reports have shown the pace of a rebound is slowing and that companies are skittish about adding new workers. That has hurt stocks on some days in recent weeks. It has also stoked fears about the economy falling back into recession.

At the same time, corporate announcements, including earnings reports for the past six weeks, have largely showed companies are doing well. Mergers and acquisitions activity is often considered a positive sign because it means companies are willing to

spend money to expand their businesses and are confident that prospects are improving.

In late afternoon trading, the Dow fell 159.73, or 1.5 percent, to 10,255.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 19.07, or 1.7 percent, to 1,075.09, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 36.49, or 1.7 percent, to 2,179.21.

About five stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 680.9 million shares.

Volume has been particularly light in recent weeks, even by summer standards, meaning many investors are still uncertain about the direction of the economy.

Bond prices rose after the weak jobs and manufacturing reports. Investors often move into the safety of government bonds when there are signs the economy is not strong. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.58 percent from 2.64 percent late Wednesday. Its yield is often used to help set interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Joe Benanti, managing director at Rosenblatt Securities, said low volume is probably adding to the sell-off.

It's "probably taking trading a little to an extreme, more than it should," Benanti said about the light trading volume.

If economic reports over the coming months continues to show the economy is growing, even slowly, it could alleviate fears of a second recession. That, in turn, could bring many investors back into the stock market.

The Labor Department said initial claims for unemployment benefits rose by 12,000 to 500,000 last week from an upwardly revised 488,000 a week earlier. Economists polled by



James Kushner, center, and unidentified colleagues from MND Partners work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams) Thomson Reuters forecast claims would fall slightly. It was the fourth rise in claims in the past five weeks and sent them to their highest level since November.

High unemployment is considered the biggest hurdle to a stronger recovery because people worried about jobs have scaled back their spending. Consumer spending accounts for the bulk of the country's economic activity.

The Philly Fed manufacturing survey was negative 7.7 for August after a reading of positive 5.1 last month. Economists were expecting the index to rise this month. Any reading above 0 indicates growth in the sector.

It was an especially sobering report because manufacturing activity early this year had shown the most consistent signs of growth coming out of the recession.

The report is "saying the manufacturing pop has run out of steam," said Jim Peters, CEO of Tactical Allocation Group. The lift the economy got from companies replenishing inventories is over and sales have not picked up enough to maintain those levels, Peters said. □



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY



**Tiger Woods drops his club after hitting his drive in the rough on the 11th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.**

*Associated Press*

### Woods commits to first FedEx Cup playoff event

PARAMUS, New Jersey (AP) — Tiger Woods entered The Barclays next week, the first U.S. PGA Tour playoff event that could also be his last if he doesn't play well.

The Barclays, starting Aug. 26, is the first of four playoff events that conclude with the Tour Championship and a \$10 million prize to the winner of the yearlong FedEx Cup competition. Woods is No. 108 in the standings, and he is likely to go further down the list depending on what happens this week at the Wyndham Championship. Only the top 125 players are eligible for The Barclays at Ridgewood Country Club. Woods did not play Ridgewood the last time the tournament was held there in 2008. He missed the FedEx Cup playoffs that year while recovering from knee surgery, the only time he did not claim the \$10 million prize since the series began in 2007.

Now, the goal is simply to get to as many playoff events as he can. After The Barclays, only the top 100 are eligible for the second round, the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston which ends on Sept. 6. □



**Arjun Atwal, of India, watches his birdie putt drop on the ninth hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

**JOEDY McCREARY,**  
AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — Arjun Atwal of India tied a tournament record with a 61 and took a two-stroke lead at the Wyndham Championship on Thursday.

Atwal matched Carl

Pettersson's 2-year-old mark at the par-70 Sedgefield Country Club. He was 9 under through the first round of the U.S. PGA Tour's final event before the playoffs.

Brandt Snedeker, who won this event in 2007, shot a 63. John Rollins, Kevin Streelman, Lucas Glover, Boo



**Michael Phelps looks toward the scoreboard after winning the men's 200-meter butterfly at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, in Irvine, Calif.**

*Associated Press*

## First-round leader Atwal ties Wyndham record with 61

Weekley, David Toms and Jeev Milkha Singh were at 64, and six players shot 65s during an occasionally wet day that left the greens soft and the leaderboard crowded at Sedgefield.

It was an encouraging start for Atwal, who lost his tour card last month and had to play his way into this event in a Monday qualifier across town at Forest Oaks Country Club — where this tournament was held from 1977-2007.

He played that course twice before, finishing sixth in 2004, and wound up shooting a 67 to share first place with three other qualifiers. No Monday qualifier has won a tournament since Fred Wadsworth did it at the 1986 Southern Open.

"You get used to making a lot of birdies in the Monday qualifier — otherwise you won't make it," Atwal said. "I kind of continued that today." The loss of his card capped a series of events that began when he injured his shoulders last year while lifting weights. He received a minor medical extension, but when he came up short on the money list following the RBC Canadian Open, his card was history.

He isn't eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs that begin next week in New Jersey, not even if he wins. But he can claim his card for 2011 with a victory — either here or at a fall series tournament — or a climb up the money lists of the PGA or Nationwide tours.

"I prefer to win," Atwal said with a laugh.

Three more days like this, and he'll almost certainly take care of that. Atwal started his bogey-free round on the back nine, made the turn at 4 under and birdied three of his final four holes, sinking a 7-foot putt on No. 9 to cap things.

His big day also included a rare birdie on the peskiest hole of the day — the 18th.

There were a course-low 10 birdies and a course-high 54 bogeys on the freshly lengthened, 507-yard par 4 that wound up knocking several players down a peg on the leaderboard.

Snedeker, who was at 8 under through 17, sent his second shot onto the back fringe on 18, chipped well past the pin and left his 35-foot par putt about 3 feet short to close with a bogey and fall off the lead. □

## Phelps fails to make 400 IM final at Pan Pacs

**BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

IRVINE, California (AP) — Two-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps failed to make the 400-meter individual medley final at the Pan Pacific championships on Thursday.

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# Clemens charged with perjury in steroid case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted former Major League Baseball star Roger Clemens on Thursday for allegedly lying to the U.S. Congress about using steroids.

Clemens faces charges of obstruction of Congress, making false statements and perjury.

The six-count grand jury indictment said Clemens obstructed a congressional inquiry with 15 statements that he made under oath, including denials that he had ever used steroids or human growth hormone. The indictment alleged that he lied and committed perjury regarding the same matters.

The seven-time pitcher of the

year and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, testified under oath at a 2008 hearing before a congressional committee and contradicted each other about whether Clemens had used the banned substances.

McNamee has told federal agents, MLB investigator George Mitchell and the committee that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998 to 2001.

Clemens has maintained that McNamee was lying.

“As far as we’re concerned, it’s vindication,” Earl Ward, one of McNamee’s attorneys, said of the indictment.

Clemens’ attorney, Rusty

Hardin, said federal prosecutors made Clemens a plea offer but he rejected it. Hardin declined to comment on details of the proposed plea deal — which ordinarily involves admitting to a crime while avoiding the scenario of a multiple-count indictment as happened in the Clemens case.

Clemens faces a combined maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine if convicted on all charges. However, under U.S. sentencing guidelines, he would probably face no more than 15 to 21 months in prison.

The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton, the judge who presided over the perjury and obstruction



This Feb. 13, 2008, file photo shows former New York Yankees baseball pitcher Roger Clemens testifying before the House Oversight, and Government Reform Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. The New York Times reported on its website Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, that federal authorities have decided to indict Roger Clemens on charges of making false statements to Congress about his use of performance-enhancing drugs. Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, testified under oath at a hearing before a House committee and contradicted each other about whether Clemens had used the banned substances.

*Associated Press*

## AL Roundup

## Longoria alight as Rays sweep Rangers

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Evan Longoria hit a solo homer and drove in four runs to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 on Wednesday, completing a sweep of the three-game series between potential American League playoff opponents. Longoria also had a pair of RBI doubles and a sacrifice fly, a night after getting three RBIs in a 10-1 win.

Rays starter James Shields (11-11) allowed four hits over seven innings.

Tampa Bay, which remains tied with the New York Yankees for the AL East lead, has won five straight.

Texas’ Derek Holland (2-2) got the loss.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota opened a season-high five-game lead over Chicago atop the AL Central.

Joe Mauer had four hits, two RBIs and his first regular season home run at Target Field.

The Twins trailed 5-3 entering the bottom of the fifth inning against Gavin Floyd (8-10). Mauer’s solo shot cut into the lead before a three-run sixth sealed it.

The Twins have won nine straight at home. Mauer, the reigning AL MVP, has been a huge part of that, raising his batting average more than 30 points during his midsummer surge.

This was his eighth homer of the season.

Minnesota closer Matt Capps gave up a run the ninth but got his fifth save, a night after blowing his second save chance since arriving in a trade last month. Jeff Manship (1-0) and Jesse Crain relieved struggling starter Francisco Liriano with stellar relief.

Andruw Jones hit a three-run homer for the second-place White Sox, who have lost 10 of 14 this year to the Twins.

In New York, Mark Teixeira homered in New York’s ill-tempered win over Detroit.

Detroit pitcher Jeremy Bonderman (6-9) hit Brett Gardner in the leg with his first pitch. That was a response to an incident in Monday’s game, when Gardner’s hard slide took out Detroit second baseman Carlos Guillen, who suffered a bruised knee.

One out after Gardner was hit, Teixeira made it 2-0. In the eighth, Yankees reliever Chad Gaudin hit Miguel Cabrera in the back. Tigers manager Jim Leyland was ejected for arguing against no punishment for Gaudin.

**In other AL games it was Tampa Bay 8, Texas 6; Oakland 5, Toronto 4; N.Y. Yankees 9, Detroit 5; Seattle 6, Baltimore 5; Boston 7, L.A. Angels 5; Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 6; and Kansas City 9, Cleveland 7. □**

trial of Vice President Dick Cheney’s former chief of staff, I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby. No date has been set for Clemens’ initial court appearance.

In a defiant appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in 2008, Clemens said, “I’ve been accused of something I’m not guilty of ... I have never taken steroids or HGH.”

Longtime Clemens friend and pitching star Andy Pettite told congressional investigators that Clemens confided to him that he had used human growth hormone. Clemens said Pettite’s assertion wasn’t correct.

“I believe Andy has misheard” the conversation, Clemens responded. He said he had simply mentioned to Pettite a TV show about three older men who used HGH to get back their quality of life.

During a 23-year career as a starting pitcher, Clemens played for the Boston Red Sox, the Toronto Blue Jays, the New York Yankees and the Houston Astros, chalking up 354 wins, 4,672 strikeouts and a lifetime earned run average of 3.12.

Other MLB greats, Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds among them, have become enmeshed in the steroid scandal of the 1990s.

McGwire said in January that “it was a wrong thing what I did. I totally regret it.”

The Clemens matter was the second referral the congressional committee made to the Justice Department. The other was that of Miguel Tejada, who pleaded guilty to making misleading statements to committee investigators in 2005 regarding his knowledge of performance enhancing drugs. □





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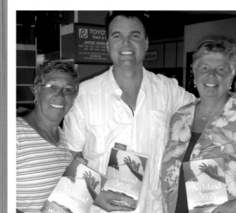
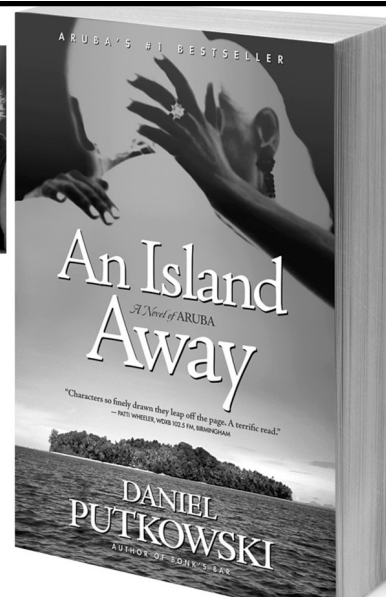
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**Philadelphia Phillies' Jimmy Rollins dives safely into third for a triple in the third inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010.**

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Phillies beat San Francisco 8-2 and open a two-game lead on the Giants in the National



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## NL Roundup

# Phillies extend wild-card lead over Giants

League wild-card race. The two-time NL champions remained 2 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the East, with 43 to play.

Philadelphia starter Joe Blanton (5-6) pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing two runs and striking out seven.

Rollins singled, tripled and homered off Matt Cain (9-10). Cain gave up five runs — two earned — in six innings. Giants starters are 0-9 with a 5.73 ERA in the past 14 games.

In Los Angeles, Colorado nailed a runner in a play at the plate for the final out of the game, edging Los Angeles in 10 innings.

With two outs in the Dodgers 10th and Reed Johnson on first, Scott Podsednik blooped a single in front of center fielder Dexter Fowler. The ball skittered away but Fowler recovered quickly — throwing to shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, whose relay to catcher Miguel Olivo beat Johnson by several feet.

The Rockies had gone ahead in the top of the 10th

as Melvin Mora scored on one of three wild pitches by reliever Octavio Dotel (2-3). Dotel walked Mora, who stole second then advanced to third on a wild pitch to Fowler, who eventually walked.

Mora scored as Dotel bounced another pitch past rookie catcher A.J. Ellis. He uncorked one more wild one.

Colorado's Rafael Betancourt (3-1) got the win, striking out both batters he faced in the ninth. Huston Street got three outs for his ninth save.

In Atlanta, the home team did it again in its final at-bat, beating Washington on Jason Heyward's run-scoring single in the ninth inning.

The Braves won for the 21st time in their final swing, which leads the majors. They also improved baseball's best home record to 44-16.

With one out in the ninth, Rick Ankiel hit a bloop single just over the outstretched glove of the second baseman. Sean Burnett (0-7) was replaced on the mound for the Nationals by Tyler Clippard, who walked

one and struck out another, before Heyward hit a liner to left-center to drive in the winning run.

Braves closer Billy Wagner (7-2) struck out the side in the ninth to take the win.

The Braves' fourth straight win came hours after they acquired slugging first baseman Derrek Lee from Chicago.

In St. Louis, Randy Wolf pitched into the ninth inning to steer Milwaukee to a tight win over St. Louis.

Wolf (10-9) gave up one run in 8 1-3 innings. Brewers closer Trevor Hoffman struck out Brendan Ryan with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth to earn his 598th career save.

Milwaukee rookie Lorenzo Cain had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run. He also had a key steal to set up Milwaukee's first run in the fifth.

The Brewers are 18-9 at St. Louis over the past three seasons. The Cardinals have lost four straight to drop out three games off the lead in the NL Central.

In other NL games it was Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2; San Diego 5, Chicago Cubs 1; Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2; Philadelphia 8, San Francisco 2; Atlanta 3, Washington 2; N.Y. Mets 3, Houston 2, 14 innings; Cincinnati 11, Arizona 7; and Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 10 innings. □

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# Wariner sets world's fastest 400 time this year

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

ZURICH (AP) — Jeremy Wariner of the United States ran the world's fastest 400-meter time of the year at the Weltklasse Diamond League meeting on Thursday.

Wariner timed 44.13 seconds to take 0.27 off the season's best set by Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales at the Monaco Diamond League meet last month.

"Another world lead, that was my plan," said Wariner, the former Olympic and world champion who has one more race scheduled at Split, Croatia. "I would describe my season as improving with every race. Next year I should be even better."

The American ran in lane three and paced himself off Gonzales, who went out fast from lane four and still led off the final bend.

Wariner went to the front with 60 to go and quickly went clear, earning himself a \$20,000 bonus from Weltklasse organizers for setting a world-leading time.

He also collects \$40,000 for winning the seasonlong points standings in Diamond League 400 races.

Gonzales was second in 44.51 and Angelo Taylor of the U.S.

clocked his season's best of 44.72 in third.

David Oliver of the U.S. failed in his latest attempt to take down Cuban Dayron Robles' 110 hurdles world record of 12.87.

Oliver didn't get the best start, but blazed through the middle section and hurled himself over the line in 12.93 — 0.04 outside his national record set in Paris last month.

He rolled to a stop then slapped the ground in frustration.

"I know I'm not the perfect hurdler. That's why I'm missing the world record," said Oliver, who won his event's Diamond League title. "I cannot ask for more. I'm running fast times, winning the diamond."

The Weltklasse meet was missing some of track and field's biggest stars, despite crowning Diamond League champions in 16 events. The remaining 16 discipline finals are staged in Brussels next week. Tyson Gay skipped the individual 200 race, but ran the third leg of a 4x100 relay for an American quartet which set a world's best time this year.

Gay, Trell Kimmons, Wallace Spearmon and anchor Michael Rodgers timed 37.45 to beat a Jamaica quartet by 0.31.

With Usain Bolt also missing the 200, after shutting down his season because of a back injury, Spearmon took the spotlight in a meet record time.

Spearmon ran 19.79, his season's best, to edge Jamaica's Yohan Blake in 19.86. Ryan Bailey of the U.S. ran a personal best 20.10 in third.

"This race was really good," Spearmon said. "I must admit, I entered it nervously as Blake beat me last time."

Spearmon also won the Diamond League title because points leader Walter Dix was injured and could not fulfil the rules requirement of running in the final.

Jamaica's Veronica Campbell-Brown won the women's 100 in a photo finish with Carmelita Jeter of the U.S., as the two women both timed 10.89. Another American, Marshvet Myers, was third in 10.97.

"My shoulder was a little bit in front so I had the feeling just after the line that I could be the winner," Campbell-Brown said.

Jeter said she lost the race being slow out of the blocks, but still earned the seasonlong title. "My start was not that good, second part better. I will



Allyson Felix from the USA, left, celebrates her victory, in the women's 400m race at the Weltklasse IAAF Diamond League international athletics meeting in the Letzigrund stadium in Zurich, Switzerland, on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010.

give the trophy to my parents," Jeter said.

Kaliese Spencer of Jamaica saved her best for last in an excellent season of 400 hurdles races. Her fourth straight Diamond League victory in 53.33 took 0.15 off her personal record, and was more than a second faster than Czech runner-up Zuzana Hejnova.

Allyson Felix completed the first half of an expected Diamond League double by winning the 400 in 50.37, ahead of her fellow American Debbie Dunn in 50.57. Botswana's Amantle Montsho was third in 50.63.

Felix clinched the one-lap title

and only has to start in the 200 final at Brussels to also collect that trophy.

World champion Ezekiel Kemboi won the 3,000 steeplechase, distancing fellow Kenyan Paul Kipsiele Koech from the final bend to clock his best time of the season, 8:01.74. Koech took the seasonlong title.

Ethiopia got a 1-2 finish in a high-class 5,000 field, with Chris Solinsky of the U.S. third. Tariku Bekele won in 12:55.03, ahead of season champion Imane Merga. Newly crowned European champion Mo Farah set a British record of 12:57.94 but placed just fifth. □



Aaron Peirsol waves after winning the men's 100 meter backstroke at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, in Irvine, Calif.

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Phelps had the fourth-fastest time of 4 minutes, 15.38 seconds in the morning preliminaries, but only two swimmers per country are allowed in the evening final.

And he wasn't close to being even the second-fastest American.

World champion Ryan Lochte

was quickest in 4:07.77, lowering Phelps' meet record of 4:10.47 set in 2006. His U.S. teammate Tyler Clary was second in 4:09.20, which also was under the meet record. Their times were the two fastest in the world this year.

Phelps set the current world record of 4:03.84 at the Beijing Games, and he's

dominated both IM events at the Olympics, worlds and Pan Pacs for years. Bob Bowman, Phelps' coach, said he would not swim the consolation final. Phelps hadn't competed in the 400 IM since winning the event in Beijing two years ago, where he earned a record eight gold medals. Back then, he declared he was done with the grueling event featuring all four strokes.

He changed his mind after seeing Clary's second-place time of 4:14.12 at U.S. nationals, where Lochte won the race this month. Phelps and Bowman thought he could at least out-swim Clary at Pan Pacs to possibly earn a berth in the event for next year's worlds.

Clary went considerably faster on Thursday.

"I wasn't expecting those guys to come out and fire one off," Phelps said. "I was

like, 'Thanks, guys. I'm not going that fast. They're like, 'Oh, right.' They might have thought I was being coy, but I knew I was being dead honest. I knew 4:07 was nowhere near being in the tank."

Phelps took the first extended break of his career after Beijing and has been struggling to get back into racing shape. He's suffered more losses this year than at any time since he became one of his sport's greatest swimmers.

"I knew coming into that race it was going to be a rather painful way to wake me up," he said. "It's a good reminder that I need to be in better shape."

Bowman said Phelps' time was not far off from what he had expected.

"It might encourage him," Bowman said, smiling. "It showed him what he can do. No harm done."

Phelps was noncommittal about whether he would keep the 400 IM in his schedule.

"Who knows?" he said. "It's going to have to be a better judged decision when we get back into serious training."

Two-time Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima of Japan qualified first in the 100 breaststroke.

Kitajima touched in 59.04 seconds, making him the only man under 1 minute in the heats. His time was the world's fastest this year and it bettered the meet record of 59.90 set by American Brendan Hansen in 2006.

Kitajima advanced to the evening final, along with teammate Ryo Tateishi, who was second-fastest in 1:00.09. World record-holder Brenton Rickard of Australia tied for ninth-fastest, but got into the eight-man final after Japan advanced its two swimmers. □



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Nadal, Murray need 3 tough sets to avoid upsets

JOE KAY,

AP Sports Writer

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal saved a match point as he and No. 4 Andy Murray were pushed to their limits before moving on to the quarterfinals of the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday. Both got some help with their matches on the line.

Nadal survived a match point in the second-set tiebreaker then surged to a 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-2 victory over France's Julien Benneteau, who developed leg cramps in the final set and wasn't the same. A worn-out Murray took advantage of Ernests Gulbis' erratic shots — especially in the tiebreaker — for a 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (4) victory.

Everyone else had an easier time in the midday heat.

No one has played less this week than second-ranked Roger Federer, who reached the quarterfinals when Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber withdrew because of a painful right



**Andy Murray, from Great Britain, hits a forehand against Ernests Gulbis, from Latvia, during a match at the Cincinnati Masters tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, in Mason, Ohio. Murray won 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).**

shoulder. It was the second straight match that Federer's opponent got hurt. He's been on court for a total of 28 minutes this week.

Third-ranked Novak Djokovic advanced by beating David Nalbandian 6-1, 7-6 (7).

Stunningly, Nadal came within one point of an early elimination. Benneteau led 6-

5 in the second-set tiebreaker, but hit a return long. Nadal then ran around a shot and nailed a forehand into the corner, grabbing the momentum. He jumped and punched at the air when Benneteau hit a shot wide to end it.

"He had two aces and after that, I played very good," Nadal said. "My game was on

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and off. My forehand worked very well — for moments." During the break, Nadal got a blister pad applied to the bottom of his right foot. Benneteau got his legs rubbed for cramping.

Nadal was much better off, breaking Benneteau twice to pull ahead 3-0 in the final set. Nadal pumped his fist at the end of the 2-hour, 48-minute match.

Murray was exhausted after his comeback, moving on with more stagger than swagger.

The Scot won his second straight Rogers Cup in Toronto on Sunday, beating Federer to defend his title. Fatigue has caught up with him in Cincinnati.

Murray was worn down during his match against Gulbis. He repeatedly bent over and tried to catch his breath after long rallies in the 85-degree F (30 C) heat.

"The conditions are tough here," Murray said. "I've played seven matches in nine days, and every one was between noon and 3 o'clock, when it's warmest. I think anybody would be feeling (tired) in my position."

Murray got his serve broken to open the match and was soon talking to himself and swatting balls away in frustration. He evened the match after two sets by taking advantage of the Latvian's frequent mistakes — 42 unforced errors overall. It was surprising that Gulbis kept up. He started the season

well, beating Federer in May and climbing to a career-best ranking at No. 27. He hurt his right hamstring and missed more than two months. When he returned in Washington this month, he had to quit in the second round because he couldn't handle the heat.

This time, he handled the heat but couldn't put Murray away even after he slowed down his serve to try to get something going.

"His serve was just super-slow," Gulbis said. "It was like, 10 times slower."

Gulbis became so upset after he was broken in the opening game of the third set that he slammed his racket against the court, picked it up and did it again. The twisted red-and-white racket rested next to his court-side chair for the rest of the match, reminding him of those wasted moments.

Gulbis' worst moments came in the third-set tiebreaker. He hit a backhand into the net, sailed a forehand, then plopped a forehand into the net, giving Murray a 3-0 lead. When Gulbis sailed another forehand, Murray was up 6-1 and in position to close out the 2-hour, 33-minute match.

Murray asked to play a night match in the quarterfinals on Friday, giving him a break from the heat and more time to recover. He planned to spend his evening taking an ice bath, getting a massage, stretching and drinking a lot of water.

"I was struggling," he said. "I felt dehydrated on the court." Federer has had the easiest time this week. He played only 28 minutes in his opening match before Uzbek qualifier Denis Istomin had to quit because of an injured right foot on Wednesday night. Federer didn't even leave the locker room on Thursday — Kohlschreiber's shoulder hurt so bad during a morning practice that he scheduled an MRI. □

### MLS Roundup

### Fire gets late winner vs. Revolution

BRIDGEVIEW, Illinois (AP) — Chicago forward Calen Carr scored in the 85th minute to give the Fire a 2-1 victory over the New England Revolution on Wednesday and sole possession of fourth spot in Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference.

Carr, in his first appearance of the season, cut in from the left and beat goalkeeper Matt Reis with a hard shot from 19 yards. Carr had missed the season's first 16 games with a quadriceps injury.

Chicago moved to 24 points, while New England, which had its four-match unbeaten streak ended, remained on 21.

Marko Perovic opened the scoring for New England in the 16th minute. He took advantage of a defender's slip, rounded goalkeeper Sean Johnson and shot home from an angle.

The visitors equalized in the 32nd minute when a Brian McBride attempt rebounded off a defender into the path of Branko Husidic, who slotted home his opportunity. □



**Chicago Fire forward Calen Carr (3) celebrates after scoring a goal against second half of an MLS soccer game against the New England Revolution in Bridgeview, Ill., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010. The Fire won 2-1.**

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*Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber announces*

# Aruba's new national identity launched

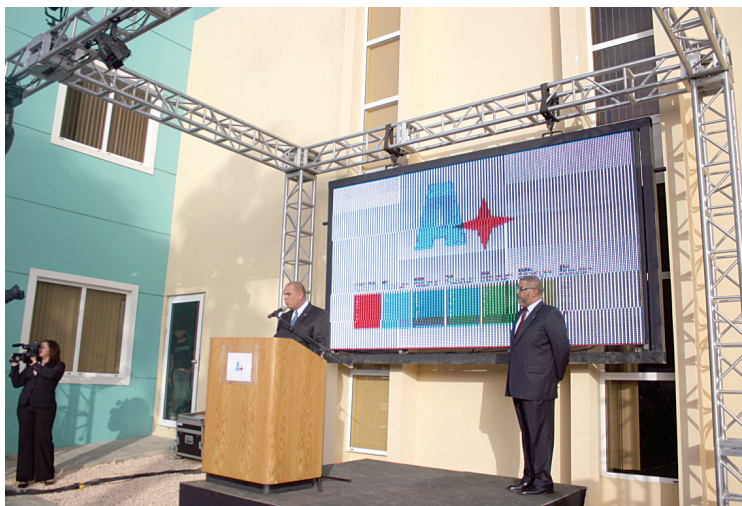


ORANJESTAD - Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism Otmar Oduber says "Creating and Introducing a new image of Aruba is a long process and takes a lot of thought, study and creativity." The Aruba Tourism Authority introduced a new image yesterday to the local press which will identify the island both nationally and internationally. Before introducing the new image to the world, it will first be presented to Aruba in order

to get the needed support. The official campaign of the new image and logo of Aruba will be launched this afternoon, Friday the 20th of August in the Main Street in Downtown Oranjestad

from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm with live performances from Youth Extreme and OREO. Minister of Transport, Labor and Tourism Otmar Oduber confirmed to our sister newspaper Bon Dia Aruba

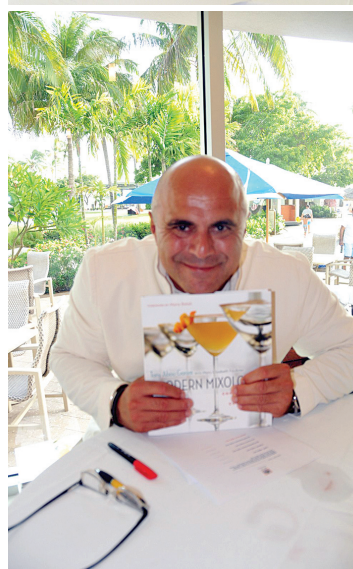
that a considerable investment and effort has been made in the process to launch the new image and logo which he believes will be a massive success. □





Top bartenders compete with original cocktails with Bacardi and CoCo Lopez

# Wilma wins Taste the Tropics Challenge 2010!



the training Aruba's top bartenders competed in the ultimate bartender competition: ARUBA'S TASTE THE TROPICS CHALLENGE MIX OFF. Tony, one of the US's most distinguished mixologists of all time was one of the judges in yesterday's event where competing bartenders went head to head in the "mix-off" with an original recipe containing no more than seven ingredients- two of them being CoCo Lopez cream of coconut & a rum from the Bacardi portfolio.

The competitors then presented their drinks to a panel where the top four went to the final round with a secret ingredient "Papaya". They had 10 minutes to create a unique recipe including papaya, Bacardi and CoCo Lopez before presenting it to the audience and the judges. The Grand Winner of yesterday's event was Wilma Benjamin of the Marriott Resort who will receive and all expenses paid trip to participate in a nationwide grand finale in Miami, Florida

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~



**PALM BEACH** – On Thursday afternoon in the La Vista Bar of the Aruba Marriott Resort, some of the islands finest bartenders mixed it up with Bacardi flavors and Coco Lopez to win not only the "Aruba" title, but a trip next month to compete in Miami. World renowned Mixologist Tony Abou-Ganim started the afternoon off with a training for all Bartenders, Bar Chefs and F&B Managers on Aruba. Immediately following





The mussels at Papillon Restaurant are fabulous

# Holland and Belgium mussels are still going strong!



PALM BEACH - The mussel season is going full tilt on Aruba; week after week the delicacy is sold out. That is because the mussels are extra-super tasty this year and mussel lovers almost swoon from the taste! The first mussel night at Papillon Restaurant caused a riot: they were sold out on the first day. Not surprisingly, because the mussels were fleshier and tastier than

ever. The mussels arrive on Aruba with the fresh, salty smell of one of Holland's and Belgium's best export products still clinging to them. July and August are the months when the mussels are cut, mainly at 'de Zeeuwse kust'. Papillon's true mussel feast will hopefully last a long time. Papillon's chef Bas Kuurstra is preparing the mussels in two ways: the traditional and the local way. The classic, traditional way is with all the trimmings: boiled and steeped in French white wine with a garnish of fresh vegetables like finely cut onions, celery, parsley and black, freshly ground pepper and thyme. The traditional mussels are served with French bread, French fries and mayonnaise. The other

way is the 'manera local': stewed in Aruba's locally brewed Balashi beer and served with funchi instead of French bread. Funchi is a local staple food. Mussels are fantastically healthy: they contain hardly any cholesterol at all, are rich in vitamins and good fatty acids. The 'Zeeuwse Mosselen' are world famous: they are tasty and chewy. Every Thursday the mussels are delivered to Papillon straight from the airplane; you'd better make reservations fast as the export amount is limited. Papillon Restaurant is located at The Village across from the Radisson Resort on the hiriise strip. For reservations, please surf to [www.papillonaruba.com](http://www.papillonaruba.com) or call 586-5400. □



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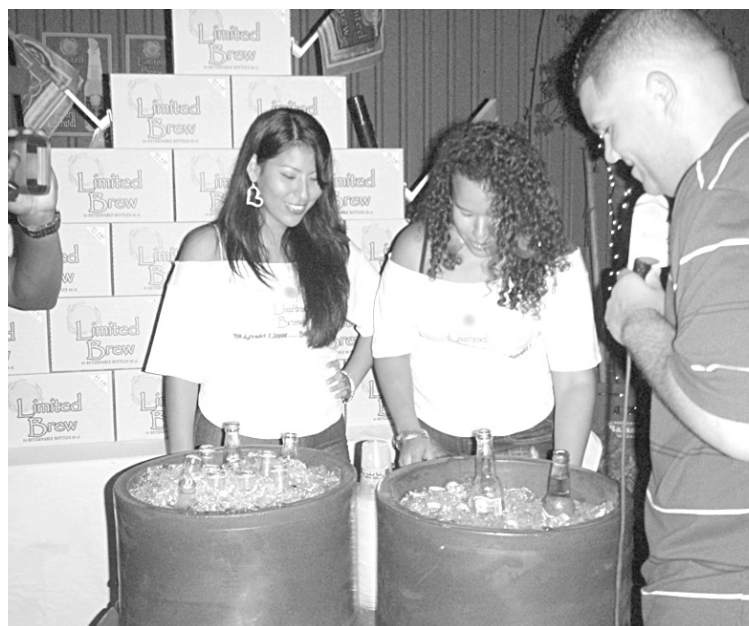
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# Limited Brew in clear bottle a success!



PALM BEACH - Even though the rain made the party a little shorter than expected, the feedback on the taste of the new Limited Brew that Balashi Brewery came out with this year have been very positive. The chance to taste this beer was the main reason that many people visited Balashi Beergarden last Friday, where the Limited Brew tasting girls handed out samples. People were impressed by the 'look' of the bottle, which is a clear bottle. The Limited Brew of this year is greatly complemented when a lime



is added, which complements the taste of the beer to make it unique and caribbean. Prive band started entertaining the visitors already at 6 pm. Unfortunately, when Tsunami was supposed to start playing, a big rainshower started which made it impossible for them to play. All fanatics of Tsunami and Limited Brew will be happy to hear that the performance is postponed for a date not far away which Balashi Beergarden will announce (probably in the beginning of September). Interesting to know is that just like the Balashi bottles, the Limited Brew bottles also have deposit value (statiegeld). So for every empty bottle that you hand back in at the Brewery or at Carry Out (LG Smith Blvd), you will receive Afl. 0.20 back. A complete

empty case (24 bottles) is worth Afl. 4.80! Interesting for anyone that ones to save a little money when you want to buy your favorite beer, be it Balashi or Limited Brew. You can already purchase your case of Limited Brew in all major supermarkets and bars in Aruba. In the weekends several tastings are planned in the big supermarkets such as Superfood, Ling&Sons, Kong Fui Palm Beach and Kong Hing. The price of a case of Limited Brew is very good (especially when you take into account that you're getting Afl. 4.80 back when you hand the empty bottles in!) but don't forget that stock is limited. So be quick to buy your case of Limited Brew or enjoy the Limited Brew Happy hours amongst others in Grand Cafe Tropical or Buster's Garage.

## Arion Wine Company jumps into Cas di Glas fundraising activities



ORANJESTAD - The Arion Wine Company is one of the first businesses on Aruba to jump into the Cas di Glas fundraising activities, trying to help raise money to buy a mobile breast cancer screening unit for the island. The wine importer has contacted several of their best retailers and restaurants and have asked them to donate part of the sales of their Arion-imported wines. The great thing is: everyone said yes. Supercenter Ling & Sons is joining in with terrific Alice White wines from Australia in the Month of August and Folonari from Italy in September. For every bottle sold, US \$ 1.-- is donated to the Cas di Glas. Colleague supermarket Superfood is doing the same with Namaqua Wines from South Africa while Divi Links, Ruth Chris and the Hyatt Regency Resort will donate \$ 1.— per bottle sold of the famous Kendall Jackson wines from California. The Arion Wine Company crew is

very enthusiastic about the Cas di Glas happening. For those who are not yet up to speed about it: this is the short version of the unique project.

The Cas di Glas (House of Glass) is a fundraising event that takes place from September 29 thru October 3 in the Renaissance Marketplace across from CILO City Lounge. It is a concept that, after its immense success in Holland, has been copied in various big cities in Europe. Its goal: to get a substantial amount of money for a good cause; on Aruba this will be the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds (KWF), the cancer foundation. With the Cas di Glas money a mobile breast cancer screening unit will be bought. During four fun days the focus will be on entertainment, sports, health, nutrition and of course, illness. Various popular international as well as local deejays and entertainers will perform live on stage, all in a joint effort to raise money to save lives. □



# August 24 – 30: 8th Curacao Salsa Tour 2010



WILLEMSTAD / NETHERLANDS ANTILLES – The Curacao Salsa Tour – the Salsa festival/vacation for Salsa students and teachers alike – starts on August 24 and ends on August 30, 2010. The island of Curacao says “Bon Bini”, meaning “Welcome”, to hundreds of crazy Salseros and Salseras dying to enjoy steamy Salsa on an idyllic, hot and tropical island in the Caribbean Sea.

The highly experienced team of the Curacao Salsa Tour consisting of Saneleo Petronella, Sharief Sprockel, Heinrich Provence and other professionals arranged for a 6 day long and unforgettable Salsa dance experience in this Caribbean part of the Netherlands. Amazing Salsa workshops, electrifying shows, breathtaking and sexy competitions are combined with fun in the sun, crystal white beaches, clear water swimming, coral reef snorkeling & diving and horse back riding.

## Sexy Dance Workshops

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the Netherlands join others to instruct Mixed Styles of Salsa, Bachata, Zouk and Reggaeton.

## Amazing Shows, Sexy Competitions & Great Social Dancing

The Curacao Salsa Tour became world-famous due in part to the amazing shows from world renowned teams and diverse competitions held throughout these six days of fun. One of the best Salsa show

teams of the world, Yamulee, is scheduled to perform together with Christina & Rodrigo from Mexico, Mitchel & Monica from Germany, Grizzly Dance Company from Venezuela, which are just a random pick out of the illustrious list of performers. The ENNIA Salsa Dance Competition with a grand total of 5000 Dollars in cash prizes attracts some of the best Salsa dancers of the world to compete. The Reggaeton Dance Competition and the world-famous Curacao

Salsakini Competition attracts hundreds of visitors eager to observe and participate. Participants will enjoy six evenings of high-level social dancing in five beautiful indoor and outdoor locations.


## Curacao North Sea Jazz Festival

This year's edition of the Curacao Salsa Tour will also host the North Sea Jazz festival for the first time. The festival takes place between August 30

and September 4. Participants who extend their stay on Curacao will enjoy artists such as La India, Albert Barros, Lionel Richie, Luis Enrique, Sergio Mendez, George Benson and John Legend.

A swimsuit is absolutely required to attend the Curacao Salsa Tour 2010.

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## HUMAN HINTS

# Safe is Death

This curious quote is the motto of NY Ranger Hockey Coach John Tortorella. He displayed it with one other above the locker room entrance, and engrained them into his player's collective and individual mind.

Safe is death. If we're safe, there's no reason for us to grow. Without challenge we become complacent. Challenge often includes relentless struggle plagued with unknown surprises, even if a part of us loves the challenge. Comfort is easy and predictable, even if it's awful. It's easy to be seduced by comfort. No wonder we settle and compromise our entire lives away in our early 20's, the first moment we're able to truly express our infinite potential without bounds imposed by others. The moment we're set free, we bind ourselves. Tragic.

We all know how easy it is to get lost in comfort.

We must push our selves, especially when we're comfortable. We must always strive for a goal that we're passionate about. The sensation of desire drives us and the act of striving for a goal keeps us focused. One thing Humans don't lack is desire, so we are certainly driven. Focused action is what separates desperate desire from empowered desire.

The second saying ingrained into the professional hockey players is, "Good is the Enemy of Great." This says the same thing, in more understandable and less dramatic terms. No matter how good we are, we can always be better. If we settle for being good, we will never be great.

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~Quentin Danziger

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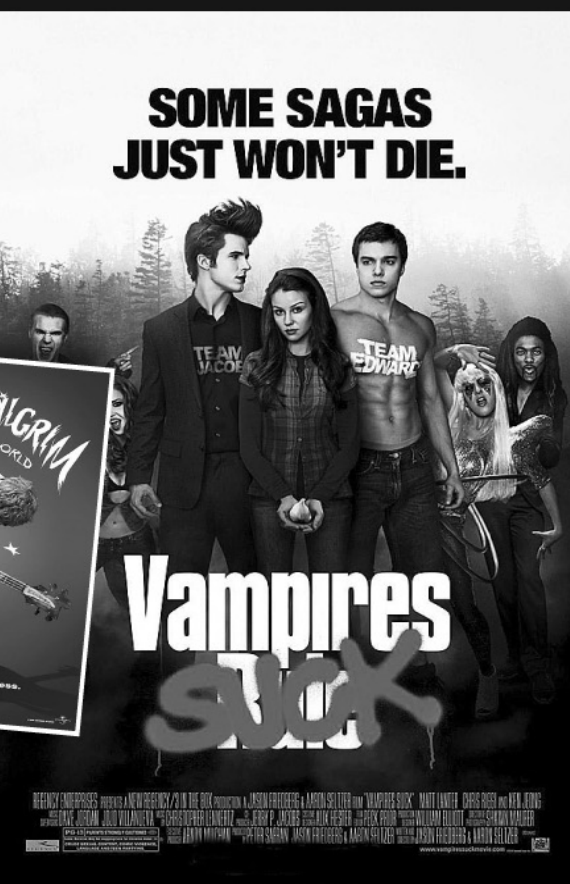
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# ARUBA and ARTIFICIAL REEFS?



What are artificial reefs and why do we need them? Well the answer is not simple but it stems from a variety of environmental and human reasons why artificial reefs are or can be created. First of all, an artificial reef is any type of reef project, foreign object(s) or reef systems, which is not an original coral formation or natural coral ecosystem. These are usually made by humans for specific purpose such as promoting marine life growth or creating areas of marine growth where this is lacking or has been destroyed. Artificial reefs can also be created accidentally by sunken ships, aircrafts or due to flooding. Many manmade artificial reefs are created with a purpose, while others become an artificial reef by “accident” or because of history. In Aruba we have several artificial reefs. The most famous artificial reef is the wreck of the Antilla, which sunk in 1940. This German vessel was scuttled by its own captain in order to prevent the ship from being taken by the Dutch marines on the island after the invasion of The Netherlands at the beginning of WWII. The vessel was anchored on the north side of Aruba and it

would become one of the most famous wrecks in the Caribbean after the war. With the exception of the crew, the Antilla sank with pretty much everything on board including engine oil and fuel. In cases of intentional sinking where ships or other objects are to become an artificial reef, these are stripped, cleaned, prepared and made safely for the environment and recreational sport diving. Besides the WWII wrecks, Aruba has several artificial reefs ranging from airplanes, ships and cargo barges, which are sunk at different depths. Artificial reefs like sunken ships or other objects can create an attraction for divers and snorkelers but with time will create habitats for coral and fish. Where ever there is a body of water, you can sink anything from an old Cadillac to a school bus in order to make it “attractive” in particular for divers. In Aruba this has an even more added value because the implementation of an artificial reef may serve several purposes. Besides these objects, many other countries have used a more eco-friendly approach to artificial reefs by installing what is called “reef ball” projects. Of course “dumping”

old cars, ships, barges and airplanes can make it interesting but the reef balls will with time make the area to look and become more natural than just a chunk of metal with corals growing on it. There are many benefits of introducing artificial reefs. First of all, artificial reefs have a main purpose, which is to promote marine life but artificial reefs can be also a protection for beach where waves are “broken” before they reach the shores or beaches. This will help with beach protection and can help to prevent or minimize the beach damage by sand “washing” away and the artificial reefs are a viable option for offsetting environmental impacts. Because of the “Reef balls” design, these types of artificial reef systems can attract and support a variety of fish and marine life, which can help establishing a “new” reef fairly easy. The system is designed so that the different types of “reef balls” can be used in a variety of ways to design or build a reef in areas where there are no or little reefs or natural coral formations. The great thing about marine animals and particularly fish is the fact that they

will use a new object or area immediately to create a better habitat or to find better protection from predators. The design of the reef balls allows the fish to move in so to speak in a short period of time once the reef balls have been placed on the ocean floor.



By implementing the reef balls, habitats can be created for fishing purposes, relief for current overfished or overused areas, they can be used for research and because they can be arranged and moved to a certain location, they can compliment existing coral reef formations or create complete new swallow or deep water sites for snorkeling, diving and fishing. In Aruba there is still no law, which prohibits anchoring and because of the lack of public moorings many boats are anchoring either in the sandy bottom or on the coral reefs. This has two main problems with it. For one, anchoring on the reefs will only cause damage and destruction of the reefs, which is killing part of the underwater tourism product. Second, Aruba is actually split in two sections when it comes to underwater topography. The north “side”, which starts from the main harbor in town and runs all the way to Arashi and the south “side”, which runs from the harbor to Colorado Point. The south side is where Aruba has the



most pristine coral reef formations and the best reef diving. The drops off are very nice, lots of coral formations, fish and in some areas there are even double reef formations near Isla di Oro and Commander’s Bay. The north side on the other hand has far less coral formations and is more geared towards wreck diving. In this area there is not a lot of coral formation and the bottom is primarily sand covered with sea grass. It’s this area that most of the water sports activities are taking place and the most stress is put on the few coral reefs and wrecks in the area. On the north side there is room for implementation of more artificial reefs but particularly reef

balls, which can help with compensation of the current sites and these new artificial reefs will help to create a filtering effect on this side of the island, which may help with the removal of mud or sedimentation in front of the high rise hotel area. Coral transplantation is also another possible option to help create a new reef in areas where this is lacking on the north side. Reef balls are designed with a concrete mixture that has a ph, which is equal or close to the sea water ph and this is one of the key ingredients to the success of the reef balls because it mimics a ideal nestling ground for coral. In the Caribbean usually the second or third week of October the corals will spawn and this is where

corals reproduce by releasing eggs and sperm by the millions these into the ocean. Upon fertilization, the fertilized eggs will have to survive by not being eaten by other marine life and if they find a suitable area to nest, this can become a new coral colony. By having reef balls, these offer a surface where the coral eggs can attach themselves and by providing this surface, the reef balls are promoting coral nestling and coral growth surface. In other Caribbean islands many of these projects have been established and were very successful. Considering that corals grow an average of one inch or less per year. They can use all the help that they can get. □

## Live Music & Entertainment at Casa Tua Barcelona on Friday Night



ORANJESTAD - Enjoy your Paella and Sangria together with this fantastic live show! The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.



This Flamenco guitar player will perform together with Angela Croes on Friday night. This is a show that shouldn’t be missed. The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! **A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red Snapper, served with Rice and a salad.** All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata

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## Honoring Two of Marriott Charter Stars

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PALM BEACH - Since the opening in 1995, over 150 associates are still a part of the Aruba Marriott family. Mila De Quito of Loss Prevention and Adolf Everon of the Casino Marketing are two of the charter team members. Mila DeQuito: "Everyday is an exciting challenge at the Aruba Marriott Resort." Mila

started her career at the Aruba Marriott Resort in 1995 as a LPO officer. She came to Aruba from the Philippines with very little background on Aruba. Every morning, Mila wishes her colleagues a wonderful day with a welcoming smile and great enthusiasm. She loves the diversity and challenges of each day. "I like being able to

assist people, not just guests, but my colleagues too". Since joining the Aruba Marriott family, Mila has learned a lot and can't imagine working anywhere else. "Marriott is a very good company that provides trainings, takes very good care of their associates and has a nice environment to work at". Adolf Everon: "I am proud to work for the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino." Who does not know Adolf Everon? Working at the Aruba Marriott for 15 years, Adolf has established a great relationship with both international and local guests as Casino Marketing Manager. His energy and positive attitude makes casino guests feel welcome and at home. When asking Adolf, "Why Marriott", the decision was very easy. He knew the Marriott was a great company and after working at the Casino Marketing for so many years, he enjoys the Marriott benefits



and trainings. "I love to work for this company" comments Everon, "The Stellaris Casino has a great team of associates

working. Most of the charter team members still work at the casino and we are like a family company". □

## Mary Kajewski Stephens honored at the Aruba Beach Club



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Aruba Beach Club, vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring was

effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach Club, where they call their home away from home. Mary Kajewski was honored as an distinguished visitor after returning Aruba for 18 years. Mary commented that she has been married to Jack Stephens for 10 x months. Pictured: Mary Stephens together with Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA and also Staff from the Aruba Beach Club.

## Veolia wins 24,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d desalination plant in Aruba

ORANJESTAD - A 24,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d desalination facility is to be designed and built on the Caribbean island of Aruba by two Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies (VWS) companies: NA Water Systems and OTV. The contract, issued by Water en Energiebedrijf Aruba NV, the island's electric and water utility, will be carried out over 22 months. The plant will treat seawater from beach wells to provide high quality drinking water to the island. The desalination facility will utilize the latest reverse-osmosis technology to replace thermal desalination units that were operating with low-pressure steam. As a result, the new facility will be more economical to operate and better for the environment. The contract includes performance guarantees for water production and quality, minimal downtime, as well as electrical and chemical consumption. In addition to the design-build work, the contract includes an option for one year of on-site operations assistance and two years of off-site technical assistance. "VWS is pleased to be working with Aruba on this project. We have a long history with the island, dating back to 1932 when we installed the first desalination plants there," said Paul Choules, vice president of desalination at NA Water Systems. □



# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

### How Does Salmonella Get Inside Eggs?

Remy Melina,

Although the average egg looks innocent enough, it can harbor dangerous foodborne bacteria called Salmonella. It's these bacteria that led to the ongoing nationwide recall of Wright Country Eggs. But how do the bacteria get in there?

The bacteria, Salmonella enteritidis (also referred to as S. enteritidis), can invade an egg in several ways. One way is by the contamination of egg shells with fecal matter. The bacteria are present in the intestines and feces of infected humans and animals, including chickens, and can be passed to the eggs when chickens sit on them.

Stringent cleaning and inspecting procedures of shells were implemented in the 1970s to decrease this form of contamination, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

However, outbreaks of salmonellosis (an infection caused by Salmonella bacteria) still happen because Salmonella also silently infects the ovaries of healthy-looking hens, contaminating the eggs inside the chicken before the shells are even formed, according to FSIS. To curb this form of contamination, the egg industry regularly tests hens for the ovarian bacteria.

Only a small number of hens in the United States seem to be infected with Salmonella at any given time, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC also assures that



Fresh egg cartons are priced at a local market Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, in Los Angeles. Hundreds of people have been sickened in a salmonella outbreak linked to eggs in three states and possibly more, and health officials on Wednesday dramatically expanded a recall to 380 million eggs.

an infected hen can lay many normal eggs while only occasionally laying an egg that's contaminated.

So how can consumers tell if an egg contains salmonella? There is no way for grocery shoppers to tell if an egg has been contaminated, according to Rob Gravani, a professor of food science at the Cornell University. In fact, Salmonella affect chicken of every quality, and there is no valid scientific evidence that shows that poultry products labeled "Kosher," "free-range," "organic," or "natural" have more or less of the bacteria, according to FSIS.

"The best thing for consumers to do is to pay attention to the brand of eggs that are being recalled, and to return any eggs that they've purchased of that brand to the store," Gravani told Life's Little Mysteries. Health officials also recommend not serving undercooked eggs, since thorough cooking kills the bacteria, according to the CDC. Because both the outside and inside of contaminated eggs appear

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to be normal, even if an egg seems "safe" to eat with a runny-style yoke, it is always best to err on the side of caution and eat only well-cooked eggs. The FSIS recommends that egg dishes be heated up to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit (71 degrees Celsius).

Typically, a person with salmonella poisoning develops a fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea approximately 12 to 72 hours after consuming the contaminated food. The illness usually lasts from four to seven days, and most people do not need antibiotics in order to recover.

However, the elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems may be the most susceptible to becoming seriously ill as a result of salmonellosis. In these patients, the infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream, and then to other parts of the body. This can lead to death unless the person is promptly treated with antibiotics, according to the CDC. □

### Tai chi eases fibromyalgia symptoms, study finds

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,

AP Medical Writer

Tai chi eased painful joints and other symptoms of fibromyalgia in a small but well-done study of this ancient Chinese form of exercise.

Tai chi (ty-CHEE') combines meditation with slow, gentle movements, deep breathing and relaxation. It can improve muscle strength, balance, sleep, coordination and, some evidence suggests, fibromyalgia.

Symptoms of the illness include fatigue, body pain, and tender points in joints, muscles and other soft tissues. It is most common in middle-aged women. Its cause is unknown, and the lack of obvious signs or definitive tests has led some doctors to question whether it is a physical or psychological problem.


The study led by Dr. Chenchen Wang at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston involved 66 fibromyalgia patients assigned to try either tai chi or wellness education and stretching exercises twice a week for 12 weeks.

Symptoms improved significantly for the tai chi group and little for the others, as measured by a commonly used questionnaire. Improvements were seen in pain, mood, quality of life, sleep and exercise capacity, and remained at 24 weeks after the study's start.

The results are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.


In an editorial, two doctors and an Oriental medicine specialist from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston called the results "provocative" and "striking," but said that it's unclear how much of the benefit is due to a placebo effect. The results need to be repeated in a larger study, they conclude.

The study's main sponsor was the government's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Several authors have received federal grants for mind-body research and one has financial ties to companies that make drugs to treat fibromyalgia. □



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# Moon may be shrinking, but very, very slowly



A satellite image shows the moon in 1999. The Man in the Moon has become the latest victim of contraction in the housing market.

**RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,**  
AP Science Writer  
WASHINGTON – The moon may be shrinking.

Not to worry though, lovers and crooners, it won't be disappearing any time soon. New research indicates cracks

in the moon's crust that have formed as the interior has cooled and shrunk over the last billion years or so. That means the surface has shrunk, too, though not so you'd notice just from gazing at it. Scientists have identified 14 landforms called lobate scarps scattered over the surface of the moon, explained Thomas R. Watters of the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Watters and colleagues describe their find in Friday's edition of the journal Science. The scarps had previously been noted at the moon's equator, but this is the first evidence in other areas, indicating they result from a global process.

The study calls the scarps "evidence of recent thrust faulting on the moon." But this is planetary science, where "recent" can mean a billion years ago. The scarps, or cliffs, extend across some small craters, and small craters tend to be obliterated over time, Watters explained in a telephone interview. In addition, there are no large craters imposed on top of the scarps, another indication they are relatively recent, in planetary terms, he said. "One of the really cool parts of this ... the faults are so young-looking that you can't escape the possibility that this contraction occurred recently, and could indicate that the

moon is still active," Watters said. The size of the scarps indicates a shrinkage in the size of the moon of about 100 meters (328 feet), which wouldn't be nearly enough to be noticed with the naked eye. The moon is about one-fourth the size of the [Earth](#) in diameter. The scarps range up to 10 meters (a little over 30 feet) high and a few kilometers long, he said. By comparison, the planet Mercury has much larger scarps indicating considerably more shrinkage over time. The moon's not going to disappear and its shrinkage won't affect the Earth in any way, Watters stressed. □

## Plant growth declines as warming causes drought

**By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,**  
AP Science Writer  
WASHINGTON – Plant growth that had been spurred by global warming has reversed, despite temperatures that continue to rise. Researchers say the change could affect food security and development of biofuels. The amount of carbon taken up by growing plants increased from 1982 through 1999 as temperatures rose and the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased. But a new study in Friday's edition of the journal Science found a drought-related decline in such plant growth from 2000 to 2009, even though temperatures continued to climb.

As drought caused by warming reduces the land's ability to take up carbon, the result could be more carbon dioxide left in the atmosphere, and thus more

warming, Maosheng Zhao of the University of Montana explained in a telephone interview.

"This is a pretty serious warning that warmer temperatures are not going to endlessly improve plant growth," co-author Steven W. Running, also of the University of Montana, said in a statement. "We see this as a bit of a surprise, and potentially significant on a policy level because previous interpretations suggested global warming might actually help plant growth around the world," he said. Instead, he and Zhao found a small but measurable decline of about 1 percent, compared to a 6 percent increase in the 1980s and '90s. Their study, based on data collected by NASA satellites, found that northerly areas

continued to increase plant growth, thanks to warmer temperatures and a longer growing season. But that was more than offset by warming-associated drought in the Southern Hemisphere.

"This past decade's net decline in terrestrial productivity illustrates that a complex interplay between temperature, rainfall, cloudiness, and carbon dioxide, probably in combination with other factors such as nutrients and land management, will determine future patterns and trends in productivity," commented Diane Wickland, program manager of the Terrestrial Ecology research program at NASA Headquarters in Washington. The research was supported by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. □

## Testing of Brothers May Boost Family's Prostate Cancer Rates

Men who have a brother with prostate cancer are more likely than other men to be diagnosed with the disease, but the reason may have more to do with greater surveillance than genetics, a new study suggests.

Swedish researchers analyzed data from 22,511 brothers of 13,975 prostate cancer patients and found that the incidence of the disease was higher among brothers of prostate cancer patients than men of the same age in the general population. Disease incidence was highest among men who had two brothers with prostate cancer.

However, the study found that early-stage disease was the type most often diagnosed in brothers of prostate cancer patients. This stage of prostate cancer is typically detected through a prostate specific antigen (PSA) test and may or may not be clinically relevant, the study authors explained in the report published online Aug. 19 in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The researchers also found that the incidence of prostate cancer among brothers of prostate cancer patients was highest during the first year after the first brother's diagnosis.

"The increased diagnostic activity among men with a family history of prostate cancer, which we observed, will inflate family history as a risk factor for prostate cancer in populations of men who commonly receive PSA testing," concluded Dr. Ola Bratt, of the urology department at the Helsingborg Hospital in Sweden, and colleagues.

The study results could offer guidance to doctors, the authors suggested. "When counseling men about their risk of hereditary predisposition to prostate cancer, one should consider the possibility that a familial aggregation of prostate cancer may be at least partially caused by increased diagnostic activity," Bratt and colleagues wrote. □




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# iPad wait times slowly getting shorter

Order an iPad online today and you've got a decent shot at getting it in your hands before the week is out. If you want the new iPhone, though, get ready to hurry up and wait.

So says Apple's online store, which (as Fortune notes) now lists a shipping time of three to five business days for all six iPad variations (including the 16GB, 32GB, and 64GB versions of the Wi-Fi-only and 3G-embedded models), versus earlier estimates of 7 to 10 days. "Surprisingly strong" demand had previously forced Apple to push back the international launch of the iPad from April to late May, and as I blogged a few months ago, Apple stores began setting up lengthy waiting lists for walk-in customers hoping to snag an iPad. Not helping matters were reports that display manufacturers were having trouble keeping up with Apple's orders for iPad screens.

Analysts checking inventory levels at Best Buy stores have also found more iPads in stock over the past few weeks; indeed, in the chart provided by Fortune it appears that only the \$499, 16GB Wi-Fi-only iPad was in short supply as of August 16. Meanwhile, the easiest iPad to find at Best Buy was the 64GB Wi-Fi iPad, with 67 percent of Best Buy locations reporting the unit in stock, according to the Barclays Capital-researched chart. On the other hand, the new iPhone 4 is still a tough handset to get a hold of, with Apple's online store still showing a three-week wait for shipping — even after all the "Antennagate" drama.

The white iPhone 4, meanwhile, has been delayed until "later this year" due to unspecified manufacturing woes. It might take Apple until the end of September to clear the iPhone backlog, according a note from Rodman & Renshaw analyst Ashok Kumar, although GigaOm blogger Kevin C. Tofel (who first reported on Kumar's note) adds that an iPhone 4 he ordered through AT&T has already shipped ... so you never know. Of course, whenever I write about the short supply of iPads and iPhones, I always get the same question: Is Apple just conjuring up an artificial shortage for the sake of hype? Well, I suppose anything's possible. For his part, Apple Chief Financial Officer Peter Oppenheimer flatly denied the charge during Apple's earnings call last month, telling analysts (according to PaidContent.org) that "we do not purposefully create a shortage for buzz" — although on the same call, COO Tim Cook chimed in that "high demand ... is never a problem." □

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# Obama's Big Labor Ethics Loophole

Everything you need to know about President Obama's fraudulent ethics pledge can be summed up in four words: SEIU lawyer Craig Becker. Becker is the left-wing lawyer Obama sneakily installed on the National Labor Relations Board. The U.S. Senate rejected Becker's nomination on a 52-33 cloture vote in February. Obama responded by flipping the bird and ramming through his recess appointment during the congressional spring break. (The New York Times approvingly dubbed it a "muscular show of his executive authority." When that authority was exercised

by GOP President George W. Bush, of course, the Times editorial board called it a "constitutional gimmick.") Despite the White House's much-heralded policy of binding every executive appointee to strict conflict-of-interest guidelines, a defiant Becker now remains free to rule on cases involving his former Big Labor bosses. And the most ethical administration in U.S. history isn't doing a thing to stop him.

While serving as an associate general counsel for both the SEIU and AFL-CIO in 2009, Becker generously lent his legal expertise to the White House. He served as an Obama transition team member for labor issues and helped draft several union-backed executive orders.

These new rules essentially blackball non-union contractors targeted by labor organizers and blacklist non-union employees in the private sector from working on taxpayer-funded projects. Another union protectionist measure immediately adopted by Obama requires that when a government service contract runs out — and there's a new contract to perform the same services at the same location — the new contractor must retain the old workers. Such regulatory favoritism limits freedom in the workplace and raises the cost of doing business. This suits Becker and his White House champions (who reaped \$60 million in SEIU campaign donations and support in 2008) just fine.

Becker's anti-business views date back to his days as a UCLA professor, when he argued that unions should not be subject to the same rules of democracy and fair elections as everyone else. He favors radical rewriting of union organizing rules and elimination of the secret ballot process by administrative fiat. It's no surprise that Becker now refuses to hold himself accountable for the ethics pledge he himself signed in April. As the past two years have taught us, Team Obama's operational slogan is: Rules are for fools. The contractual ethics commitment states: "I will not for a period of two

years from the date of my appointment participate in any particular matter involving specific parties that is directly and substantially related to my former employer or former clients, including regulations and contracts." Yet, Becker has participated in numerous NLRB cases involving the SEIU and its affiliates — and is parsing the definition of "former employer" by arguing that local SEIU chapters are "separate and distinct legal entities" that don't fall under the ethics rules.

The National Right to Work Foundation, which has fought both national and local SEIU officials in court on behalf of rank-and-file workers' rights, eviscerates Becker's lawyerly blather. SEIU's own constitution considers local affiliates "constituent subordinate bodies" of the national union, the foundation notes. "Moreover, in 2009 over 85 percent of the SEIU's receipts came from a per capita tax on the locals' membership dues and fees. The national union even has the power to assume control over its locals if they do not conform to International policies."

In any case, Becker has also acknowledged playing a key role in providing "advice and counsel" to the powerful SEIU affiliate in Illinois "relating to proposed executive orders and proposed legislation giving homecare workers a right to organize and engage in collective bargaining under state law." Championed by Big Labor water-carrier and disgraced former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich and current SEIU-endorsed Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, such measures effectively bust into private homes for the Purple Shirts of the SEIU and other union competitors hungry for new dues-paying members.

Now, Becker is in the catbird seat — adjudicating challenges to the power grab rules he helped author.

Little did America know that when candidate Obama promised the SEIU he would "open up the doors of government" to them, he'd give them the keys to our living rooms, too. □

## Bye-bye Fannie and Freddie, but hello to what?

In four months, President Obama must propose to Congress a new vision for federal support of housing. Sounds a bit boring, true, except that this will be a multitrillion-dollar decision. Even as the vision takes shape, it is seen as critical to the economic recovery.

Time is short because Washington has been spending millions each day to prop up the giants of the mortgage industry, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are the main focus of the coming reform.

These once-regulated-only enterprises became fully government owned during the 2008 financial crisis. So far they have cost taxpayers at least \$150 billion — with more red ink to come as home foreclosures rise.

The first inkling of the Obama vision was made public Tuesday at a forum of experts led by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. The ideas discussed by Mr. Geithner and others, such as Shaun Donovan, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, reveal fresh thinking about a huge problem.

Replacing Fannie and Freddie with an entity that can still lubricate Wall Street's trading of mortgages but is less risky to taxpayers was the main topic. The experts did largely agree, as Mr. Donovan put it, that the "government footprint in the housing market needs to be smaller." (The government now guarantees 90 percent of new home loans.)

One surprising consensus was the idea of downplaying federal support of home ownership in favor of rental housing. Washington spends about \$4 per person to subsidize home ownership — mainly through tax benefits — compared with only \$1 per person on affordable rents — mainly through direct federal spending. This is a lopsided priority.

There are three reasons to support a shift toward more federal support of renters:

One, home ownership may not be the best investment vehicle after this ongoing housing collapse. Potential buyers, having seen a 30

percent drop in home prices, are wary of viewing a house as a retirement kitty or as potential equity to tap for cash. Enticing the poor to take on expensive mortgages is no longer a sure-fire way to close America's wealth gap.

Two, the US economy would be more innovative and competitive if Americans were more flexible about moving to new jobs, as Secretary Donovan indicates. Renters can more easily do that, especially at a time when many homeowners are stuck with mortgages worth more than their houses.

Three, the government's proven tendency to make it easier over time to obtain a mortgage could run amok again — as it did with lenient lending standards, such as "liar loans" requiring no down payment. "There are people in this society who, for economic and frankly social reasons, can't and shouldn't be homeowners," Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, told Fox News. Renting may, indeed, be the best option for many low-income Americans.

Federal promotion of home ownership now costs about \$230 billion a year, a figure that will likely be reduced if Congress can achieve bipartisan housing reform next year. Lawmakers should look to other countries, such as Canada, that are able to keep the hand of government small in the housing industry. Between them, Fannie and Freddie hold a portfolio of mortgages worth \$1.6 trillion, with few resources available to cover any losses. This is a precarious predicament for taxpayers. The stakes in reform of these giants are high for current homeowners, who need a stable housing market. And the reform is a test for Washington in its role as a backstop for a mortgage market that is the second largest securities market in the world.

A start has now been made to find a consensus on a new housing policy. As wide agreement as possible is essential if the US is to avoid a repeat of the ongoing housing collapse. □



# Colombia busca un cupo en el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Colombia anunció el jueves que cuenta con el apoyo de 70 países para buscar un cupo en el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU y designó como nuevo embajador ante ese organismo a Néstor Osorio, vinculado al sector cafetero. El anuncio lo hizo el presidente Juan Manuel Santos quien dijo que a comienzos de septiembre visitará a Brasil, en su primer viaje al exterior como mandatario de Colombia. “Ya llevamos 70 países que están apoyando a Colombia para el ingreso al Consejo de Seguridad (de la ONU), esa es una posición muy importante”, aseguró a periodistas. Osorio se desempeña como director ejecutivo de la Organización Internacional del Café, con sede en Londres, y ha

ejercido cargos diplomáticos en representación de Colombia en anteriores gobiernos. Santos dijo que en septiembre también asistirá a la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas, en la que Colombia junto con China y Ghana intervendrán para hablar acerca de los objetivos del milenio. El Consejo es un órgano de Naciones Unidas que tiene la responsabilidad primordial de mantener la paz y la seguridad a nivel mundial por medios pacíficos. El Consejo tiene 15 miembros: cinco permanentes y 10 electos por la Asamblea General por periodos de dos años. Los miembros permanentes son China, Estados Unidos, Rusia, Francia y el Reino Unido. □



Foto de archivo del director ejecutivo de la Organización Internacional del Café, Néstor Osorio, durante una conferencia de prensa en Bangalore, India, feb 24 2007. REUTERS/Jagadeesh Nv

## Ex presidente Portillo irá a juicio en Guatemala por corrupción

GUATEMALA (AP) - Un juez guatemalteco resolvió que el ex presidente guatemalteco Alfonso Portillo deberá enfrentar un juicio por el desvío de unos 15 millones de dólares, con lo cual sería el primer mandatario del país centroamericano en sentarse en el banquillo de los acusados por un delito de esa naturaleza.

El juicio “está previsto que comience aproximadamente en septiembre, el señor juez quedó de fijar la fecha”, dijo a la AP la vocera del organismo judicial Danira Otten sobre la decisión tomada por el jurista Marco Villena.

Junto a Portillo (2000-2004) serán enjuiciados los ex ministros de Defensa, Eduardo Arévalo Lacs, y de Finanzas, Manuel Maza. La apertura a juicio podrá aún ser apelada por la defensa de los acusados.

Portillo enfrenta además una acusación de un fiscal federal en Estados Unidos, según la cual, desde el 2000, el acusado se apropió de 1,5 millones de dólares donados por Taiwán; y luego conspiró con un coronel no identificado y un agente del espionaje militar para apropiarse de millones de dólares del gobierno. Según la acusación, endosó cheques girados en un banco de Nueva York y depositó fondos en una cuenta bancaria de Miami. El dinero fue transferido luego a una cuenta bancaria en París a nombre de su ex esposa María Eugenia Padúa y su hija Otilia Portillo Padúa.

Según la investigación, Portillo habría trasladado durante sus cuatro años como presidente unos 14 millones de dólares tomados de las cuentas del estado y el monto del donativo de Taiwán. Una vez concluido el proceso ante la justicia guatemalteca, Portillo podría ser extraditado a petición de Estados Unidos. □

## Berenson lucha contra clima de rechazo de sociedad peruana

LIMA (AP) - La estadounidense Lori Berenson, quien volvió a prisión tras ser anulado un fallo que le otorgó la libertad condicional, enfrentará nuevamente al sistema judicial peruano en su batalla legal para quedar libre, pero deberá sortear un obstáculo formidable: el hondo repudio que genera en la sociedad peruana por haber colaborado con un grupo terrorista.

Berenson, de 40 años, reingresó la noche del miércoles con su hijo Salvador, de 15 meses, a la prisión de mujeres de Santa Mónica, donde cumplía su condena de 20 años hasta que a fines de mayo, una jueza acogió un pedido de su defensa y falló a favor de que cumpla los cinco años que le faltaban de pena en libertad condicional. Pero ante una apelación de la procuraduría antiterrorismo, la Sala Penal Nacional anuló el miércoles el fallo de la jueza porque la defensa de Berenson no cumplió con notificar oportunamente a la policía el domicilio que tendría en libertad, y ello impidió que la policía verificara la vivienda.

La decisión judicial abre nuevamente para la

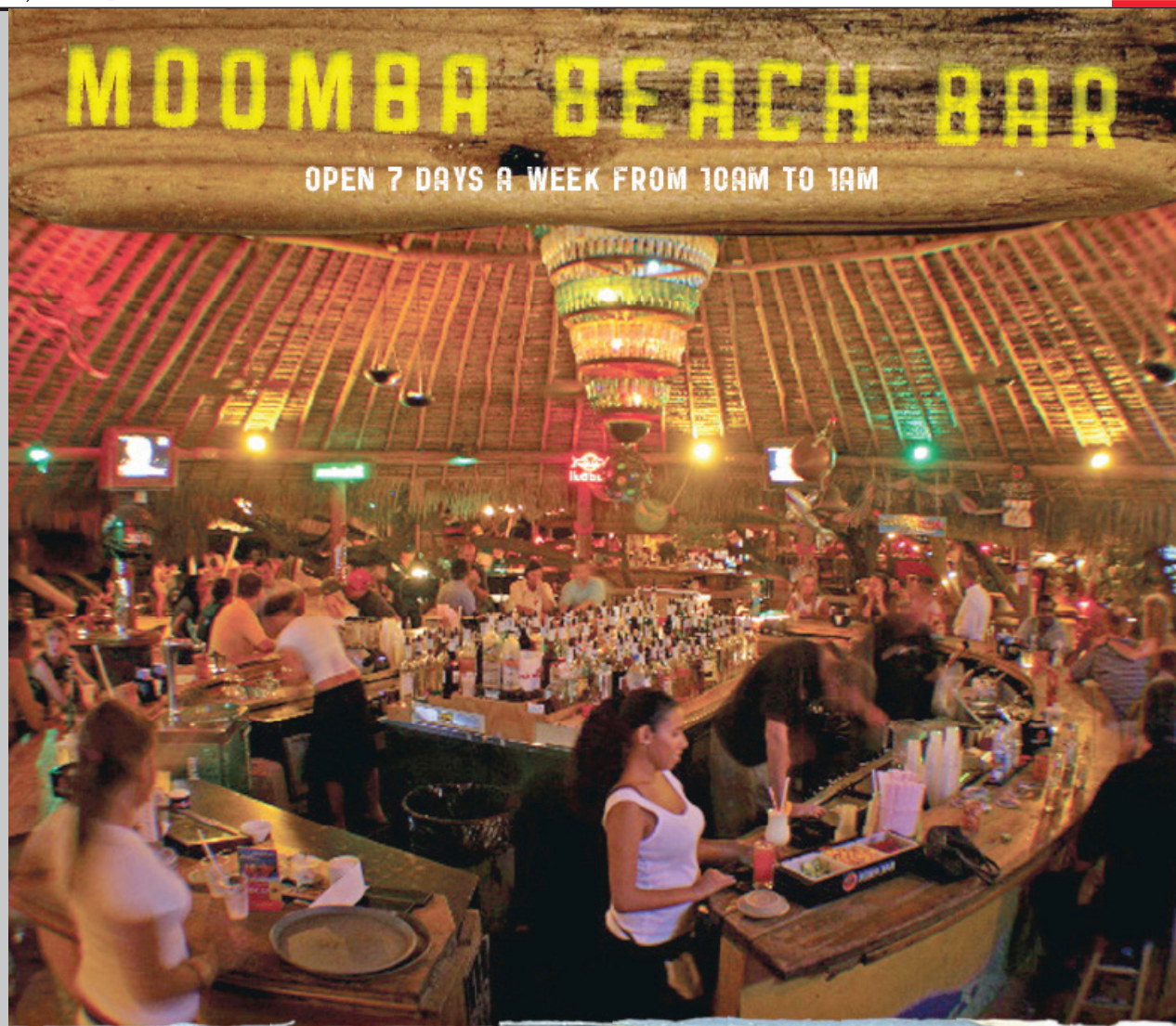
defensa de Berenson un frente en la batalla legal para conseguir su salida de prisión, de lo que con un poco de suerte logrará. Sin embargo, probablemente nunca pueda vencer el profundo rechazo que despierta su persona en el país.

En Washington, el gobierno estadounidense dijo el jueves que continuará siguiendo el caso Berenson y se asegurará de que la traten bien y justamente.

“Esperamos que el caso de Lori sea tratada con justicia y apegado a las leyes peruanas, y expresamos nuestra esperanza de que los medios de comunicación respeten su privacidad en este momento”, dijo el portavoz del Departamento de Estado Charles Luoma-Overstreet en un correo electrónico enviado a AP.

La estadounidense fue acusada en 1995 de colaborar con el Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru (MRTA) en sus planes de tomar el edificio del Congreso. Fue condenada por un tribunal militar a cadena perpetua en 1996, pero tras revisar su caso una corte civil la condenó en 2001 a 20 años de cárcel. □





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